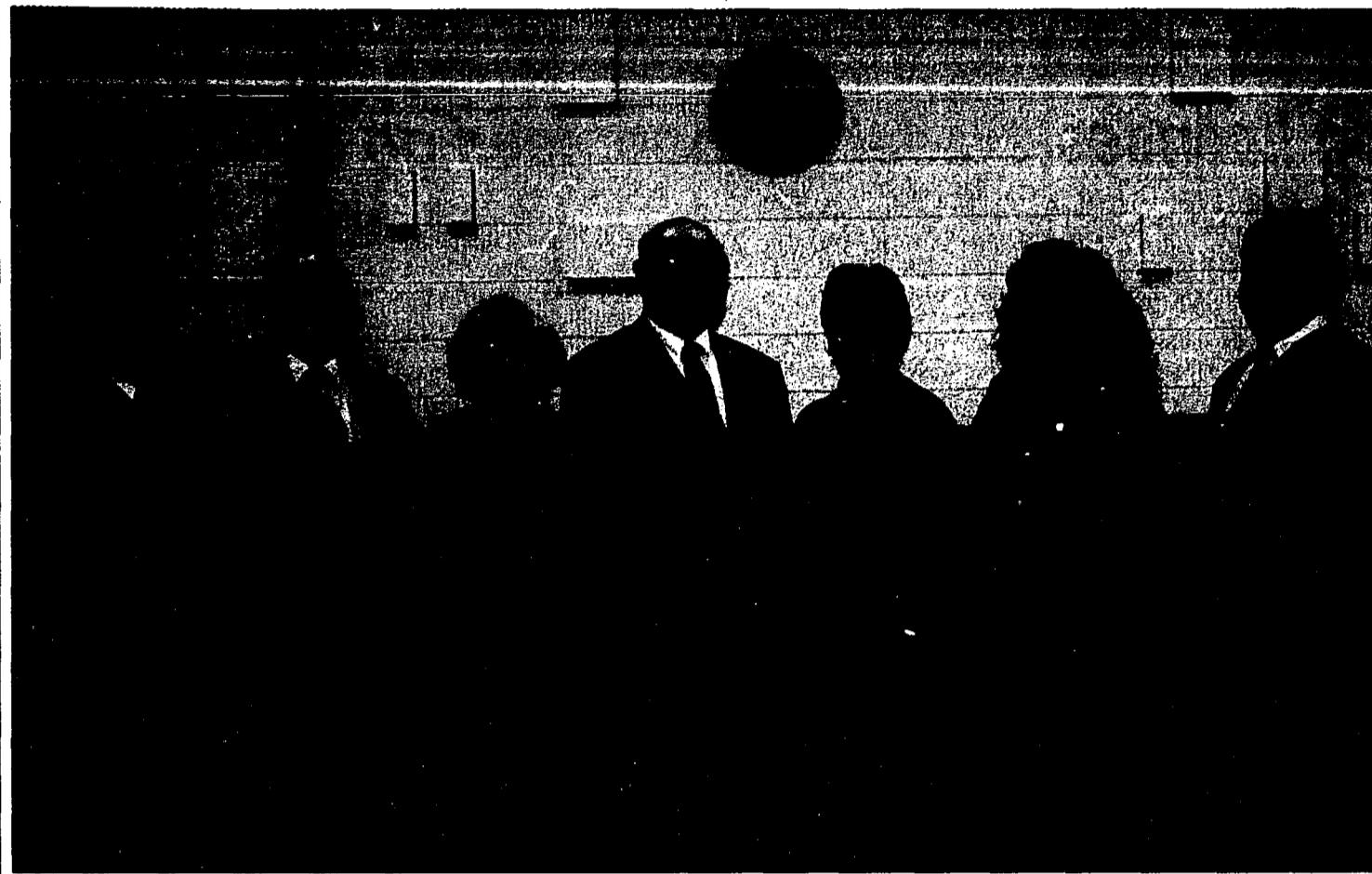




CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

New Commissioners take oath of office



SWORN IN - The newly-elected Crawford County Board of Commissioners was sworn in on December 10 at the Crawford County Courthouse by the Honorable John Hunter (far left). After the Commissioners took the oath of office, an informal reception was held in the lobby of the court building. The new Commissioners, who will begin their two years of service on January 1, are Harold "Tike" Golnick, Lynnette Corlew, Terry Beardslee, Beth Wieland, Shelley Pinkelman and Scott Hanson.

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Probate and Family Court Judge John Hunter had the honors on December 10 of administering the oath of office to the new Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

In a quiet ceremony at the courthouse, attended by family and friends of the new Commissioners, the new board came to take their turn in front of the judge, swearing to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to honorably serve their constituents.

Chief Circuit Court Alton T. Davis was to preside over the ceremony, but he was engaged in a murder trial in Kalkaska County, and was unable to attend.

Hunter shared with the new Commissioners, Terry Beardlee, Lynnette Corlew, Harold "Tike" Golnick, Scott Hanson, Shelley Pinkelman, and Beth Wieland, his thoughts on the responsibilities of public servants:

"We, as public servants, share an awesome responsibility toward the citizens of this county," he said. "We are the public trust. We hold in our hands the economic and social fortunes of men, women and children of this county. This is no small matter."

"The great past Speaker of the United States House, Tip O'Neil,

once said that all politics are local. I would suggest to you that all government that counts on a day-to-day basis is local. And, that is us."

The judge then offered the following guideposts for the new board:

- Be honest in your convictions rather than expedient;
- Be courteous;
- Be humble;
- Listen to what others have to say;

- Never, ever forget that it is we who serve the people, not the other way around and last, but not least

- Forget who voted for or against you, who supported you or who didn't. That was yesterday. Today, you represent all of those people and they all will be counting on you.

Although none of them were present, Hunter thanked the outgoing commissioners, Kathy Black, Bruce Bretzke, John Hartman, Dennis Long and Bob Smock, for their "hard work" during their terms in office.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright was present and expressed after the ceremonies that he was "looking forward to the future and working with the new commissioners."

Duly sworn Commissioner Beth Wieland commented, "Everybody's ready to do the best for Crawford County."

The Wizard of Oz returns to the big screen at the Rialto

QUEST - Dorothy and her dog Toto, along with her new friends, the Tin Woodsman, Cowardly Lion, and Scarecrow, make a plea to see the Wizard of Oz.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

went all out to entice potential patrons.

The stars of the movie, Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, and Jack Haley "campaigned" across the country to cheering crowds of admirers.

R.J. Hannan, Director of Community Education, said that bringing *The Wizard of Oz* to the Rialto was "a great opportunity for the young people to see a movie from generations before them."

Getting involved in the special event were Uptown merchants who gave some of their profits to the Christian Help Center during the three-day movie run and a jewelry store gave discounts on purchases of emeralds.

The next classic movie, featuring Laurel & Hardy, will be shown on February 17.

Dial-A-Ride to get four new buses

The Crawford County Transportation Authority, commonly known as Dial-A-Ride, will be receiving state and federal grants enough to purchase four new public transit buses.

More than \$315,000 in

is earmarked for the purchase of one 29-foot unclipped bus and three 24-foot lift-clipped buses for Crawford County.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) from the Upper

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Outgoing County Commissioners approve snowmobile rescue funds

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved \$5,750 for the operation of snowmobile rescue this winter at its December 8 regular meeting.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department and the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) worked together to come up with a \$7,731 grant from the DNR to help fund the rescue operation.

They figured that the total expense of bringing an officer in for snowmobile rescue would cost \$13,481, leaving the sum of \$5,750, which the County Board

decided to approve as requested.

The Sheriff's Department already has the equipment, including a new rescue sled donated by the Eagles Club earlier this year and two new snowmobiles.

At the AVSA's December 3 general membership meeting the association discussed the snowmobile safety situation with representatives of North Flight EMS and the Sheriff's Department.

Art Clough of the Sheriff's Department said that the funds, if approved, and when combined with the DNR snowmobile grant, would allow for one currently laid off officer to be reinstated. The

officer would be on call for rescues from December 13 to March 13, Clough said.

AVSA president Rich Filley said that the association has worked closely with the Sheriff's Department in the past, including a few search and rescue operations last winter.

Filley was pleased to hear the positive response from the County regarding the request for matching funds.

"I'm very happy with what came out of it," said Filley. "We were well-received. They dealt with the problem, and I'm happy how it turned out."

The bidding begins on gingerbread houses for RSVP

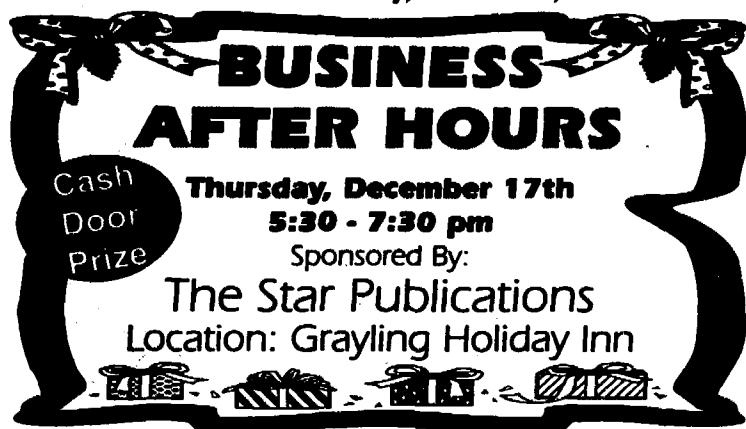


RSVP FOR YOUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE - Senior volunteer organization RSVP is sponsoring a silent auction of sorts to raise money for their annual Recognition Dinner. Bid on any or all of these donated gingerbread houses created by Timberview Village, the young people of the Shawano Center, Hartwick Pines staff, Craft Ladies of the COA and RSVP, on display at the COA Senior Center until December 22. The winning bids will be announced at the Christmas Tea on that date, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bidders do not have to be present to win. Recently, RSVP volunteers have made and distributed many hats and mittens for area children and seniors. Shown are Co-Director Connie Haskins and Director Renee Argue of RSVP.

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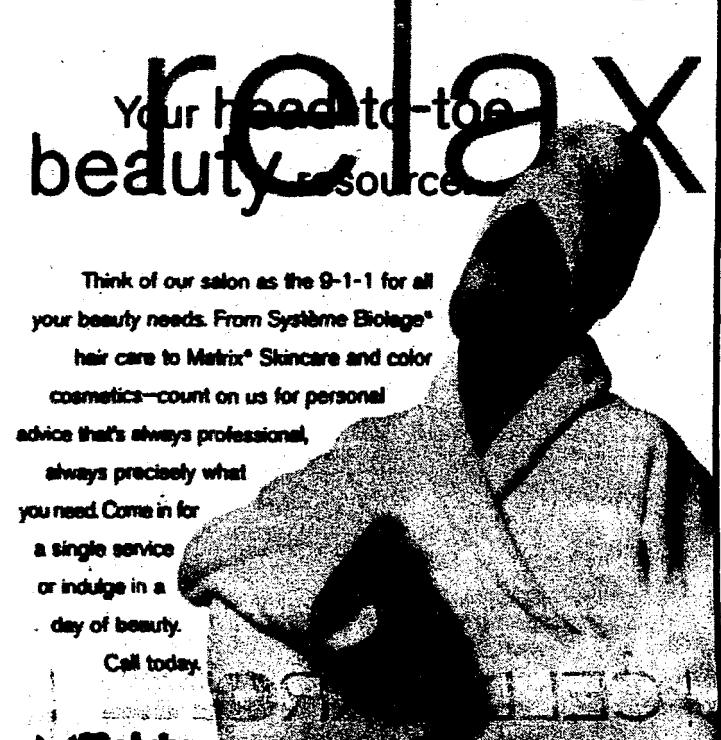
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City prepares for winter with new dump truck



GETTING READY FOR WINTER -- The City of Grayling's new dump truck has a dump/spread combination body and should work great for plowing snow this winter. The plow and truck itself is designed especially for city plowing, since it is short and able to take sharp turns. The truck won't spray snow a long way, and can also spread salt.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Dog licenses available soon; fees go up in 1999

by Cherryl Ruley
Staff Writer

For the first time in over ten years, dog licenses in Crawford County will cost more.

The license fee for male and female dogs is \$10. For animals that have been spayed or neutered, the fee is \$6. The license fee for kennels with 10 or fewer dogs is \$25.

License fees have doubled, and more in the case of kennels, over 1998 in the county. For more than a decade, the fees were \$5 for dogs of

either sex, \$3 for those spayed or neutered, and \$10 for kennels.

The increase was approved by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners when the county budget came under fire this year.

The Crawford County Animal Shelter gets much of their funding from license fees. According to shelter director Dixie Lobsinger, donations to the shelter are down from 1997 figures, making the increase more important than originally anticipated.

Beginning December 18, dog licenses for 1999 go on sale at the Crawford County Treasurer's Office, the Crawford County Animal Shelter, and the Grayling Hospital for Animals. A valid rabies vaccination certificate, and spay or neuter certificate, when applicable, are required by law to obtain a license.

Up until February 28, 1999, licenses may also be purchased at township halls in Lovells, South Branch, Beaver Creek and Frederic.

Dog licenses may also be pur-

chased by mail from the county treasurer's office by sending a check or money order and a valid proof of current rabies vaccination, and spay or neuter certificate when it applies, to: Crawford County, Treasurer's Office, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

As of March 1, 1999 license fees double, with the exception of kennel license fees. Kennel owners have until May 31, 1999 to purchase licenses before they double to \$50 on June 1, 1999.

MEAP score improvements questioned across state

by Amy Lee
Capital News Service

Lansing — Math and reading scores climbed to new heights this year in the Crawford-AuSable School District and across Michigan — reversing a one-year dip and boosting educators' spirits.

Last year's Crawford-AuSable fifth, eighth and eleventh grade students outperformed 1996 pupils by a wide margin on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test. Results for the 1998 MEAP test are not yet available.

"For three years we've been focusing on curriculum development to align curriculum with the state standards and benchmarks, especially those tested by the MEAP," said Superintendent Kent Reynolds.

Reynolds also warned against comparing 1996 and 1997 scores.

Statewide, scores jumped more last year than ever before, according to Chris Schram, acting MEAP supervisor for the Michigan Department of Education.

"I'm not sure this test is easier or harder — it's just that the test was restructured," Schram said.

Legislators mandated changes to the test starting in 1997 — including shortening its length and questions — and also required the state to endorse

the diplomas of high schoolers who meet basic standards.

Previously, only students who tested above the basic level received endorsed diplomas. The endorsement is included on their transcripts.

Lawmakers also required educators to give the test in the spring instead of fall, to give students more time to prepare, Schram said.

"Even the way we record results has been changed," she said. "It's too early to tell what 1997 scores mean."

Eighty-one percent of Grayling High School students earned endorsements in math, 82 percent received them in reading skills, almost 77 percent in science and about 85 percent in writing.

That's significantly higher than the 1996 scores, when about 42 percent scored "proficient" in math, 36 percent in reading, 30 percent in science and about 13 percent in writing.

Crawford-AuSable 1997 numbers mirror those achieved by other students across Michigan. Statewide, 77 percent earned math endorsements, 76 percent received them for reading, 79 percent for science and 84 percent for writing.

"We don't try to compare the results of the old test with the new one," Schram said. "We look at

1997 as the baseline year."

But Schram said she is encouraged by the results. "I think we'll see an increase in the numbers of kids who meet basic skill levels," she said.

Lansing politics played a major part in allowing pupils who previously would not have met the state's benchmarks to get endorsed diplomas, Reynolds said.

"You're not doing anyone any favors by endorsing people who don't meet the standards," he said.

Improvements in MEAP scores are important, Reynolds said, but should not be used to compare school districts.

"That's not the purpose of the test," Reynolds said. "The test has been politicized and I don't agree with that."

He also questioned the significance of the test, because the scores don't count toward graduation, are not looked at by employers and don't help students get into college.

"You can't convince a student that the MEAP is as important as the (college entrance exams) ACT and SAT," Reynolds said.

Jim Ballard, the executive director of the Michigan Association of High School Principals, said many of the students opt out of taking the test each year because the results won't

affect their future. Students can choose not to take the test if they have parental consent.

"Until it's mandated for college admission or for employment purposes, students won't place much importance on it," Ballard said.

Dial-A-Ride to get four new buses

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Peninsula to southeast Michigan, local and public transit systems will benefit from \$11.4 million in grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). And, \$2.8 million in matching funds will come from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF).

The federal discretionary money earmarked for Michigan will pay for new buses and improvements at bus facilities in metropolitan areas as well as smaller, out-of-state city and county systems.

"Our top priority is to meet the bus replacement needs of the state," said State Transportation Director James DeSana.

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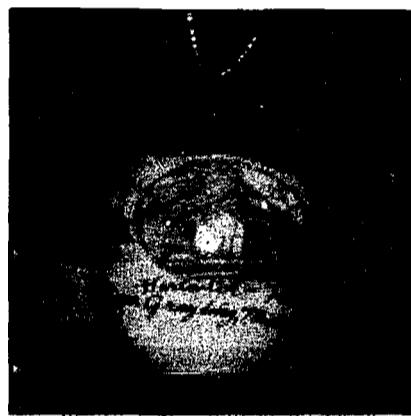
Mercy Hospital glows with *Lights of Love*



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital

LOVE ABUNDANT — Evelyn Shuraleff (seated) gets a big kiss from Barbara Ressler and Edie Branch for lighting the Mercy Hospital *Lights of Love* Christmas tree on December 11.

Egg ornament is still a tradition



1998 EDITION GRAYLING CHRISTMAS EGG — What Judy Weaver started in 1992 continues this year with the 1998 edition of the Grayling egg ornament. Hartwick Pines is featured on the egg this year and supplies are running low. The ornament, created by Dan Stevens, can be purchased at many Uptown retailers including *Riverland*, *J. Dap*, *Flowers by Josie* (they may still have the 1997 egg featuring the canoe marathon), and *The Icehouse*. The ornaments sell for \$8 each. Next year, look for past years' editions at a special price.

Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Emily's benefit spaghetti dinner raises \$6,400



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

THAT'S A MOUTHFUL — Sean Coe takes a bite(?) of his spaghetti dinner at the Eagles' Club on December 9. A raffle was also held to help raise money for Emily Grosskopf's trip to Poland to receive special treatment for cerebral palsy. The size of the crowd was a good indication of the dinner's success, it was a big one. More than \$6,400 was raised as a result of the benefit dinner.

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Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465	
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Street, Grayling	
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Saturday - 6:30 pm	
Frederic Volunteer Fire Department	

Weekend collision results in fatality

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A collision at the intersection of Military and Fletcher Roads left one man dead and one man seriously injured at about 6 p.m. Saturday, December 12.

According to Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, two vehicles were involved in a collision that killed 38-year old David Patrick Mahoney of Leslie. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the second vehicle, James Duane Soldan, 23, of Fenton, was transported by North Flight

Ambulance to Grayling Mercy Hospital, where he immediately underwent surgery for undisclosed injuries.

Both drivers were unaccompanied in their vehicles.

Sheriff's Deputies Dean Goss and Conrad Niederhouse were assisted at the scene by Michigan State Police troopers and the Beaver Creek Fire Department, as well as North Flight.

The accident remains under investigation. However, alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the fatal accident.

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On December 11, Grayling Mercy Hospital hosted their annual Christmas event, complete with music, lights, food, and fun — *The Lights of Love* ceremony.

This ten-year tradition provides a thoughtful way to honor loved ones through sponsorship of lights on the Christmas tree in front of the hospital. A donation entitles the donor to the illumination of a bulb on the tree.

This year, the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary presented checks to the hospital totaling \$20,000 for the capital campaign fund.

"We appreciate all of the efforts that our Auxiliary has made through the years," said Carol Todoroff, Director of Fund Development. "This donation will be a great asset in obtaining equipment needed to continue providing quality care for all of our communities."

Contributing to the festivities were the Grayling Elementary 5th Grade Choir and the Mt. Hope Lutheran Handbell Choir.




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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

State official pay hikes loom again

IN WHAT this writer has always considered one of the more bizarre ways to conduct the public's business, Michigan's top elected public officials appear headed for salary increases again over the next two years.

Do the jobs of governor, lieutenant governor, supreme court justices, and members of the legislature deserve pay increases — which in most cases boost them closer to the top paid state officials in the country?

A one-vote majority on a faceless, governor-appointed seven member constitutional panel has decided they do. And so it will be, barring an unlikely political miracle.

Voting 4-4, Michigan's State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) has approved pay raises spread over two years.

Our governor's pay will go from \$127,300 now to \$151,245 in 2000

— a hike of 18.8 percent — and will rank the job behind only California on the gubernatorial pay scale.

Our lieutenant governor will receive \$100,671, although his main jobs seem to be presiding over sessions of the State Senate, voting only in case of a tie, and waiting for the governor to take another job somewhere else or to die, whichever comes first.

OUR SEVEN justices of the Michigan Supreme Court are in line for a hike of 12.5 percent to \$140,816 a year, although when he testified before the SOCC, the chief justice pleaded for a more modest pay hike.

And our state legislators — with about a third of them taking office for the first time — are set to receive \$56,891 a year, plus expenses, which is only a relatively modest \$3,800 two-year raise, but puts them among

the elite for legislative pay scales around the nation.

All this will happen with one proviso: That the legislature, by two-thirds vote in House and Senate, does not reject the largesse.

Fat chance. There's a big surplus in the state treasury right now, and legislative rejection has only happened once since 1968 when this backwards system of setting public pay was established.

Hiding behind a citizens committee to determine public pay is not that unusual anymore. Many cities and other public jurisdictions do the same.

It's rare these days for any elected official to stand up in public and declare: "I hereby move that we public officials get pay raises."

Instead, appointed citizen commissions propose pay levels, which must be rejected or they become law. It's a

backward way for elected public officials to set public standards and policies.

SOCC decisions have direct pocketbook effect on local taxpayers, too, because pay levels for most other state and local judges are established as a percentage of Supreme Court pay. Thus, when the state SOCC raises pay for state justices, it means more money for appeals, circuit, district and probate judges, too.

This all usually happens without a vote of any kind by elected officials, who are responsible for levying the taxes that provide the money that pay the salaries.

WHY NOT more direct democracy? Why not require action by elected public officials to set public pay levels?

Members of the SOCC and local imitations have no responsibility for

raising the money that pays wages. They are not responsible for the consequences of their actions.

Whoever sets pay levels should raise the money to pay them. That would be more responsible and more responsive government.

A couple other things about Michigan's system don't meet the test of common sense, either.

Under the constitution, the governor appoints all seven members of the SOCC, who meet every two years to do their duty.

However, they meet immediately after the fall election every two years, and set pay levels for incoming officials, who ran for office knowing what the jobs pay, and ten immediately (in many cases) receive pay hikes. It makes more sense to set pay levels before the jobs are filled, not after.

There also appears to be a deep underlying belief among most SOCC members over the years that Michigan must be near the top of the public pay scale in all the states regardless of complexity of job, comparative size of state, or any other factor.

Why? None of these public jobs go begging for want of qualified candidates.

The SOCC amendment was approved in 1968 by a vote of 417,393 to 346,839, which seems like a slim margin in a low turnout.

Maybe it's time to reconsider, and return salary determination to an open vote by public officials elected to make policy and responsible to provide the funds to run the government.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE **EDITOR**

Shelter director hopes to see fewer Rascals in the new year

To the editor,

Last week, I was invited to St. Ignace. They had seen our ad for photos with Santa in Gaylord and wanted to try it up there.

They also wanted to talk to me about how to get some support from their community. They have no animal shelter in Mackinac County and one of the ladies has started one at her home, but can get no help from her community.

Their story was a familiar one, and once again, I was reminded of what a great community I live in.

When I was asked by the lady who has opened a shelter in her home if I hate people, I said, "No I don't hate people, but I am often appalled by their inhumanity and do not like people very well on a regular basis."

This week I was brought a border collie mix named Rascal. His owners had moved from the place they rented and left the dogs behind, according to the landlord.

Rascal had no muscle left — he was starved. He had a skin infection and his entire body was covered with a thick crust. His rear leg

was dislocated and swollen, yet his tail wagged when you talked to him and he was always ready for a meal.

I phoned the vets' office and found out Rascal had been there once, back in 1993.

Rascal was ten years old and the same people had owned him five years ago.

We went to see Dr. Mesack so he could write a report about Rascal's physical health in case I find his ex-owners.

Perhaps I can persuade the Prosecutor to take these people to court for abandonment and cruelty.

When Sherry, a staff member of the vets' office, asked me how I had gotten Rascal, I started to cry. I bowed my head so no one could see my tears and swallowed hard before I could speak to tell her where he came from.

I should be used to this by now. I get to see such things often. I hope I never get that hard.

The last two years have been very hard for me. My father's illness and death, and the shelter property situation have added a lot of stress to my life. They have led to depression.

sion and physical illness that have not made things easy.

I received so many cards and phone calls after my stay at Mercy Hospital. It showed me that people do care. Even a lot of my animal friends sent cards with the help of their owners. You are a great bunch.

It's easy to let people like Rascal's owners blind you and make you dislike people for their cruelty. Bad images remain long beyond the good ones.

If the girls in St. Ignace keep running into that wall, it will crack and they will find good, supportive people to help them with their cause.

This community is a great example of that and I am proud that we are known for our humanity 100 miles away from here.

A Christmas wish of health and love for all of you and your pets, and that there will be fewer Rascals to suffer at the hands of uncaring owners in a new year.

Dixie Lobsinger, Director
Animal Shelter
of Crawford County
Grayling

Not a good day for Crawford County

To the editor,

The front page of last week's Avalanche tells us that December 8 was not a good day for Crawford County.

When it was over, indifferent and shortsighted voters had reiterated their disdain for tomorrow's youth by rejecting a bond proposal that would have meant much-needed improvements in local educational

facilities.

And a misguided, lame-duck board of county commissioners had questionably preempted the incoming board's prerogative to fill a pending road commission vacancy — following the road commission's own denial of proper procedure in hiring a new managing director two weeks earlier.

How can community pride be

sustained in the wake of such unfortunate and embarrassing developments? It's certainly not easy when so many folks don't seem to really care.

Joe Kutzkuhn
Grayling

Bicycles should be given away, not destroyed

To the editor,

In last week's paper I read an article concerning the population of bicycle's in the city's limits and hear they are going to be destroyed.

I think the bikes that were abandoned or not claimed should be donated to other kids that don't have any — maybe hold a raffle.

Lewis S. Johnson
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MISSING PERSON
Santa Claus

After 30 years, where did Santa go?

To the editor,

For 30-plus years, Kip and Joan Papendick have had a wonderful Christmas display, which they have added to and replaced as needed.

This morning (December 14), I looked out my window and Santa was gone, replaced by a sign saying, "SORRY KIDS, SANTA WAS STOLEN."

Is this what our community is coming to, when caring people can't have a very nice seasonal yard decoration?

This is a large Santa with the traditional red suit on.

Maybe someone out there knows where he is.

Jeannette Kitchen
Grayling

MISSING PERSON — Someone stole Santa Claus from a display that has been a favorite holiday mainstay on Smith Street for more than 30 years.

'Clear case' is needed to pass expansion issue

To the editor,

I would like to respond to the statements made by Mr. Gary Fox, and in so doing, support the statements of Mr. Seaver and Richard and Carol Raybuck.

Excuse me, Mr. Fox, but your statements about Mr. Seaver "not having a clue about what goes on in the Grayling School System," and "If you think taxes are too high up here, move back where you came from, you will not be missed," are completely uncalled for and out of line.

Mr. Fox, you may be a long-time Grayling resident, but you have forgotten one very important fact: If it were not for people having summer cottages and homes in Grayling, and

paying the higher taxes for a second home, Grayling would not have the school system it has.

As a result, Mr. Fox, you would be paying much higher taxes to support the school system you do have. Did you stop to think about that, Mr. Fox?

What about the recent millage increase for the high school football field, Mr. Fox? It seems to me that the "powers that be" had in mind the school expansion at the same time they were "hitting up" the taxpayers for the football field. Where are your priorities, Mr. Fox?

I have been in the Grayling High School and seen the facilities and amenities the students have. Mr. Fox, I went to a high school that was

over 80 years old. We did not have anywhere near the modern conveniences or classroom space and modern teaching aids the Grayling High School has and are available to the students. I still feel I got a good education with what was available to us.

My wife, Sandy, and I oppose any future expansion to the high school and will continue to do so until the "Powers That Be" lay out a clear case and need for such an expansion. So far, they have failed miserably to do so.

It is not enough to say "because we want it."

James W. Allman
Frederic

GPA Santa and Mrs. Claus truly the Christmas Spirit

To the editor,

As the parents of two small children, Santa plays a big role in our lives in December and it usually starts with Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Grayling Promotional Association.

This year was no different, except we felt the need to make sure that Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus know how much this family appreciates them.

This is our third year visiting you — our children are only three and four years old. The first year we were the very last people in line and, I thought to myself, they are probably tired and ready to go home — Santa and Mrs. Claus have seen so many children

today — maybe we should just leave. I was so glad we didn't. Santa and Mrs. Claus spent 20 minutes with our boys.

Last year, our children were at that very shy and timid stage — afraid of everybody — but, that didn't bother Santa. He won their hearts and was even able to get them to smile for their pictures.

This year, with the addition of name tags for the children and the workshop elves walking around talking to the girls and boys, this family tradition just keeps getting better and better.

We are so lucky to have a loving couple for our Santa and Mrs. Claus.

It's a shame my children can only visit you once a year. You have brought so many smiles to so many faces — You are both truly the "Christmas Spirit."

If any parents have not taken their children to Breakfast with Santa, they are robbing their children of one of the best things Crawford County has to offer — Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Bless you Santa — and bless you both for sharing yourselves with our family and we hope you enjoyed the banana bread and cookies.

Moe and Sandi Ebos
(Steven and Jeffrey, 100)
Grayling

COMMUNITY NEWS

BRIEFS

GHS to host 'Meet the Grads'

On Wednesday, December 23, Grayling High School will host "Meet the Grads Day" in the library. "Meet the Grads," a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to present their continued education experiences to current juniors and seniors, is sponsored by the National Honor Society. The event will be held in the GHS library from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Register for Snowmobile Safety Class

Snowmobile Safety Classes will be offered on January 6-8, 1999, for riders age 12-18. Classes will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. To register, call 348-8619. Remember: state regulations require youngsters have a safety certificate in order to ride without an adult. Classes are sponsored by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 week 11 winner of \$100 is Tom Guy.

Girls' basketball sign-ups Saturday

Sign-up for membership in the AAU AuSable Valley Girls Basketball Club will be held Saturday, December 19, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School. Fees are \$55 for girls 10-13 years of age and \$75 for girls 14-18. Bring a copy of your birth certificate, current photo, and a parent to sign your membership application. Tell your teammates about this sign-up. There will be an open try-out for each team. Any questions, please call club organizer Harold Mertes at (517) 348-9744.

Choirs to present Christmas programs

Combined adult choirs and two drama casts from Calvary and Grayling Assemblies of God churches will present the new Christmas musical by David T. Clydesdale, entitled *The Father's Gift of Love*. On Saturday, December 19 at 7 p.m., the Calvary Assembly of God church, located at 250 Lake Street in Roscommon will host the program. The Grayling Assembly of God church, located at 701 S. I-75 Business Loop in Grayling, will host the program on Sunday, December 20 at 6 p.m. A staffed nursery will be provided for both presentations. For more information, please call (517) 275-5309 or (517) 348-8885.

Help with heating costs available

Help with winter heating bills is available to senior citizens, low-income and unemployed utility customers.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MSPC) encourages these customers to take advantage of the home heating help programs. All state regulated utility companies will offer assistance and/or shut-off protection programs this winter to assist families in need.

Customers facing heating bills they are unable to pay this winter should contact their local utility company now before high bills become a problem. To sign up for the Winter Protection Plan, Home Heating Credit, Earned Income Credit, or other bill payment assistance and energy conservation programs.

Also, low-income homeowners and renters may be eligible for the Michigan Home Heating Credit and could receive \$100 or more to help pay their heating bills. Qualifying persons will be eligible to receive shut-off protection by participation in

the Winter Protection Program. Enrollment for the program began on November 15. Details and forms are available from all Michigan Department of Treasury offices.

In addition, a family with a qualifying child and at least one worker in the household may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Credit. The basic credit can exceed \$2,200.

A family without a qualifying child can receive a credit of \$240.

Application forms are available from the U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service.

For more information on available programs to protect customers from winter shut-off, contact the MPSC at 1-800-292-9555 (or through the Web site at: <http://ermisweb.cis.state.mi.us/mpsc>) and request a copy of the brochure, *Home Heating Help*.

For those consumers without a telephone, write the telephone company in your area for information about the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program for help in obtaining discount telephone service.

Ski lessons offered to the disabled

An adaptive downhill ski clinic will be held January 9-10 at Crystal Mountain Resort.

The program will offer ski instruction for persons with disabilities. The clinic's \$15 cost includes lift ticket, ski rental and instruction.

Advanced paid registration is required by December 20.

Early Deadlines!

Avalanche publishing early for the New Year's Holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche office will close at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24th and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28th. Deadlines for display ads for the December 31st issue will be Thursday, December 24th at noon.

Happy Holidays.

Grayling Viking Band fruit sale

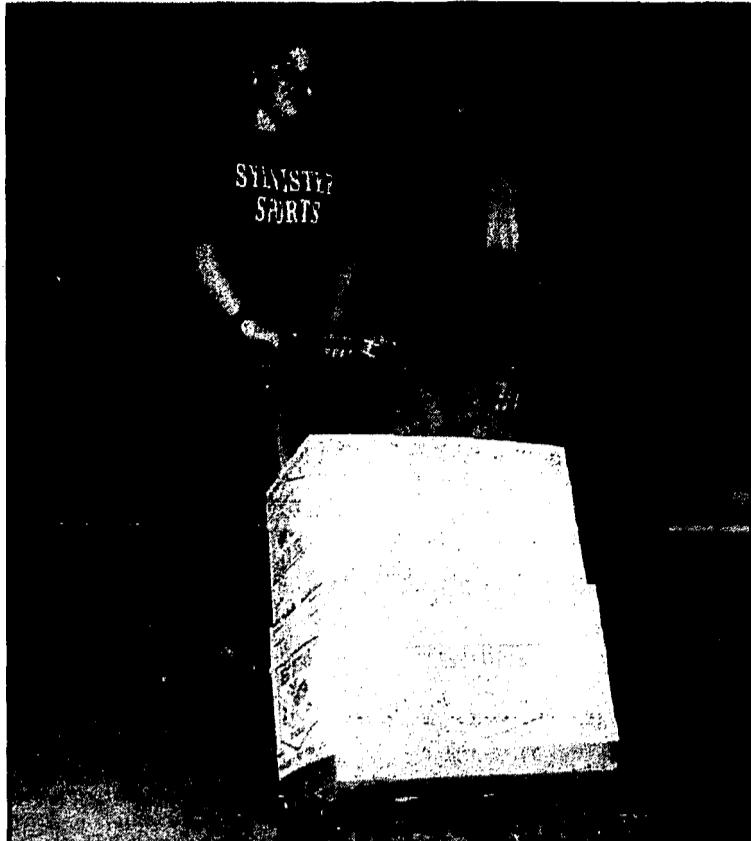


Photo by Linda Golnick

BAND FRUIT SALE - The Grayling Viking Band Annual Fruit Sale pick-up day was December 5. Brian Phillips and Ryan Feutz help get orders organized at the Grayling Elementary School.

Time running out for facade loans

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Facade Loan Program expires December 31.

The program was designed to enable local businesses to obtain low interest loans to change or upgrade the exterior of their commercial buildings.

Through a cooperative effort of the banking institutions in Grayling,

Toys for Tots has 5 collection sites

Toys for Tots are now collecting unwrapped toys and gifts at five sites in Grayling - Century 21 River Country Real Estate, Glen's Market, Chemical Bank North, Citizens Bank and the AAA office in the Grayling Mini-Mall.

A box will also be available at the *Business After Hours*, December 17 to be held at the Grayling Holiday Inn, sponsored by Star Publications.

Gifts are needed for local children, as well as for infants and teenagers.

All toys collected will be distributed to Crawford County children through the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

Best Wishes to Margaret Chappell for a Happy Retirement



Margaret has been a valued Associate Broker with Cornell Realty for over 25 years. She joined the sales team after owning and operating Ken Chappell Real Estate for many years. Margaret was recognized as ABWA Women of the Year in 1992. In addition to participating in many entrepreneurial opportunities, Margaret is a member of the Eagles, Eastern Star, ABWA, and Lioneess. Great recognition should be given to Margaret as the second woman in Grayling to be a licensed real estate agent.

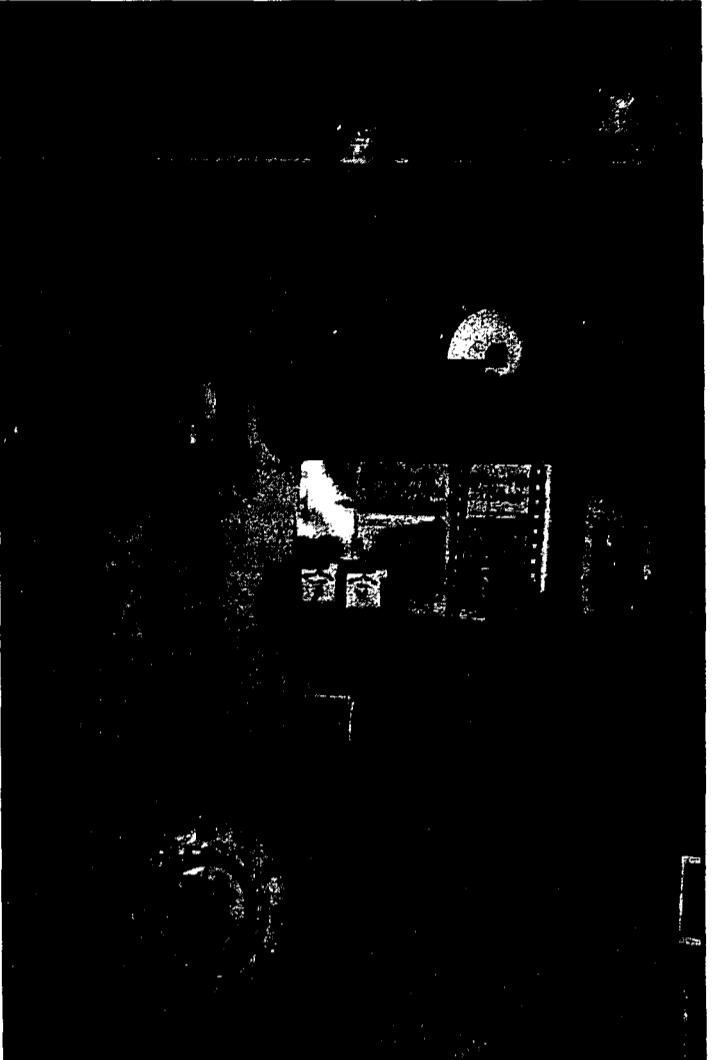
Thank you Margaret for many years of devotion! Your knowledge, expertise and friendship has been a great asset to us all. We wish you a joyful retirement, from all your friends at Cornell Realty and Cornell Insurance Agency.

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THURS 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 - 5 pm, for more information call Mary Beth Detting, 1-800-424-1457. GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING @ Hanson Hills 7 pm & DINNER & SOCIALIZING AT FRED'S in Roscommon at 6:00 p.m.
FRI 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS, do you have all of your shopping done?
SUN 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY meeting from 4 to 6 p.m., private dining room at Mercy Hospital, Reflection: Scott McClain.
TUES 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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The Bible Speaks

National Morality?

Our moral foundation for our existence as a nation was written in our 1776 Declaration of Independence from England. To morally justify our existence as a nation our forefathers wrote: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed..." That is why our national anthem declares, "And this be our motto: 'In God we trust!'" Our forefathers established our nation under the divine right of law.

Most of our forefathers before coming to America, lived under what was called a divine right of kings. Unfortunately, many elitists would put us back under such a class system of changing morality and ethics. During the 60's, liberal theologians declared "God is Dead." The Humanist Manifesto of 1973 built upon this "death of absolute authority" a new declaration of situational ethics, economic socialism, and political globalism for all the earth.

It could be argued that before and during the 30's and 40's, Germany was a generation or more ahead of us in some areas of theology, technology, and industrial development. Students of the German National Socialist regime's doctrine of *Führerprinzip* - the "Leader Principle" may remember the quote by Rudolf Hess broadcast at Cologne on June 25, 1934: "It is with pride that we see that one man is kept above all criticism - that is the Führer. The reason is that...he was always right and will always be right." A Nazi Party document declared the Führer "is not limited by checks and controls, by special autonomous bodies or individual rights, but is free and independent, all-inclusive and unlimited."

Is America becoming ripe for such a takeover? We repeat a quote of several weeks ago, "In a survey of 18-34-year-olds, conducted by the Lutheran Brotherhood they were asked, 'Are there absolute standards for morals and ethics or does everything depend on the situation?' Their poll indicates that about 82% of Americans in that age group believe right and wrong are relative concepts. It is only reasonable to them that moral concerns are irrelevant or stupid when compared to the

economy...Is it any wonder only 1% consider a clergyman on their lists of most admired persons? As a result, Church attendance and morality are very low on their list of family priorities and practices."

Unless Americans turn back soon to the absolute standards of authority revealed in the Bible and the political authority of our U.S. Constitution, we will lose our God-given liberties. Our only hope is in a revival of absolute spiritual truth from the Bible, followed by a restoration of national patriotism based upon our U.S. Constitution. (Deuteronomy 4:8) "And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgements so righteous as all this law, which I set before you for this day?"

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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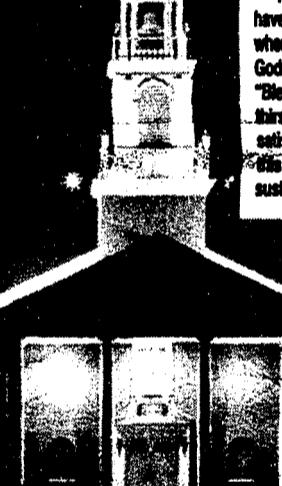
Special Gift Tree means toys for kids



SPECIAL GIFT TREE - Local senior citizens have bought or made over 130 gifts for children whose names appear on tags hanging on the Special Gift Tree at the Commission on Aging Senior Center. The gifts will be distributed by the Christian Help Center. Shown with the gift tree and many of the gifts are Louise Mize, Eva Hulbert, Eva Hulbert, and Crawford County Commissioner Bruce Bretzke, Eva Hulbert. The Special Gift Tree was the idea of COA Director Nova Anderson (not shown).

Church Directory

A Haven for the Hungry



In many cities nationwide, there exists havens for the hungry...shelters where individuals volunteer their services preparing nourishing meals for those, who for various reasons, are unable to nourish themselves.

The hungry are a potpourri of the less than elite, many of whom are representative of those who were recently more than self-sufficient. Yet, it has been said that life is not always fair...but God is. Ultimately, are we not all kindred souls, in search of the meaning and manner to strengthen us as we travel unpredictable paths?

Then how wonderful there is another haven...a shelter for hungry spirits where all are welcomed and encouraged. God has promised us in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Visit our Father's sanctuary this Sabbath and experience the sustenance only He can provide.

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Over \$1 million in Michigan refunds remain with IRS

Still waiting for your 1997 federal tax refund?

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 1,596 Michigan taxpayers whose refund checks were returned by the U.S. Postal Service.

"These checks total more than \$1 million," said District Director Arlene Kay. "Generally, they were undeliverable because of incorrect names and addresses or because taxpayers moved and did not notify the IRS of their new address," Kay said.

If you are due a refund and have not received it, call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040, Monday - Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"The best way to ensure that your check is delivered, and to guard against loss or theft, is to have the refund deposited directly to your bank account," advised Kay. "Last year, 19.2 million taxpayers across the country chose the direct-deposit option. It's as simple as filling in two extra lines on the tax forms."

If you have moved since filing your last return, the IRS urges you to file Form 8822, "Change of Address." You may obtain this form by calling 1-800-829-3676, or by downloading it from the IRS Web Site: www.irs.ustreas.gov.

For more information or for the list of Michigan taxpayers (sorted by ZIP Code) whose checks were returned, can be obtained from the Michigan District Communications Office by calling (313) 628-3900.

LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS

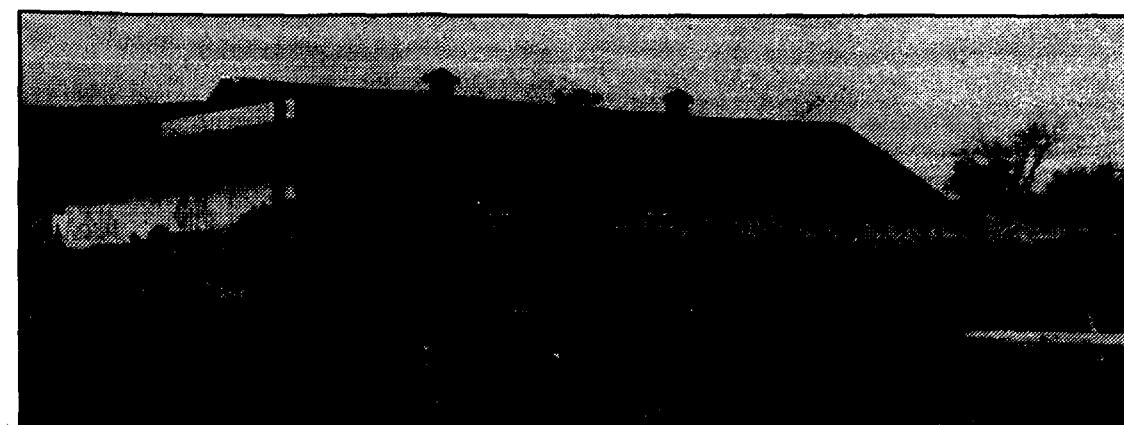


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WORDEN STRIKES AGAIN - Local muralist Dean Worden recently completed this northern Michigan-themed mural on the AuSable Gifts building on Norway Street in Grayling.

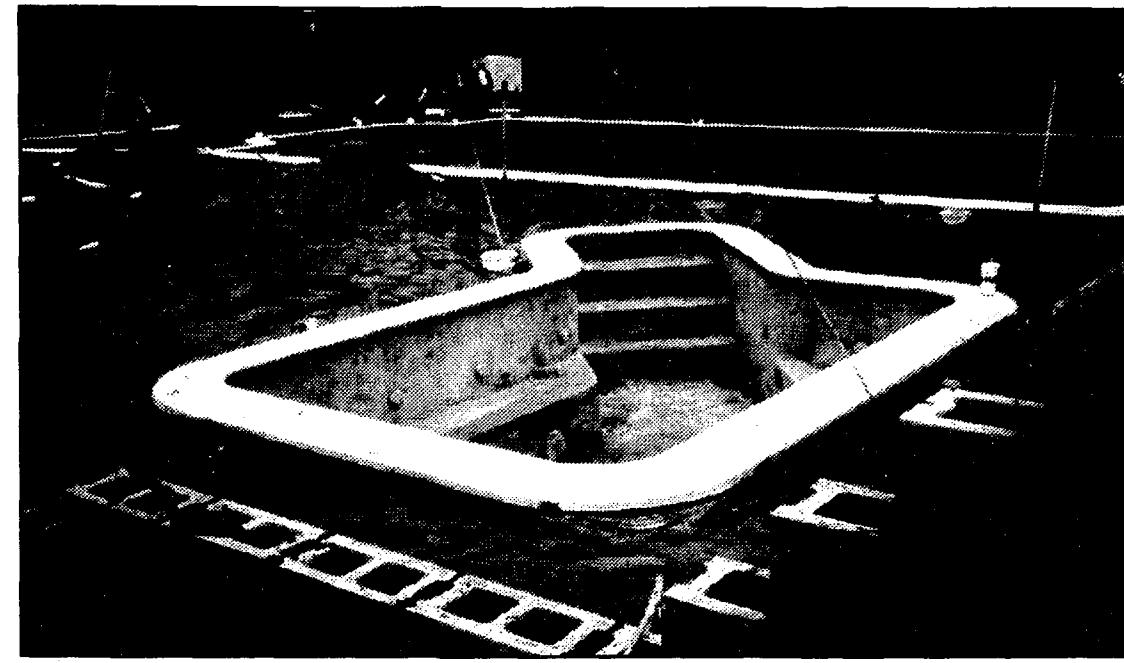


Photo courtesy of Charlie Fick

SUPER 8 ADDITION - Super 8 Motel owner Charlie Fick is in the process of adding an enclosed pool and hot tub area to his establishment located near Four Mile Rd and I-75. Fick said the project will be finished soon.



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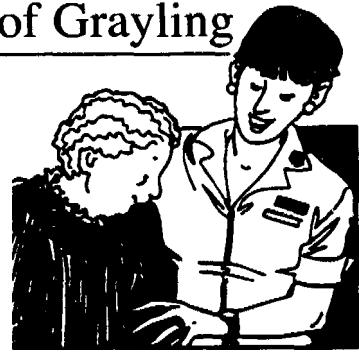
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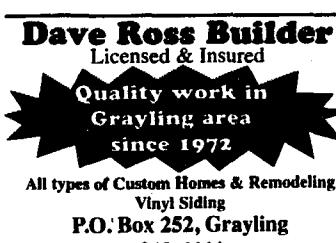
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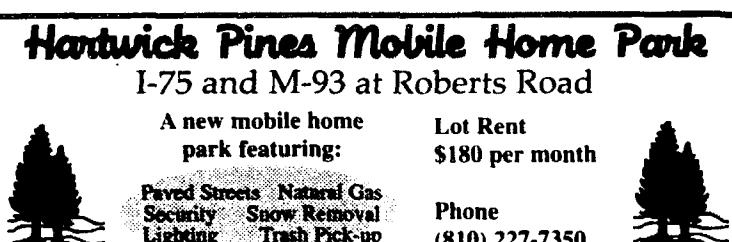
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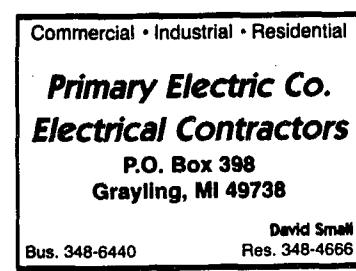
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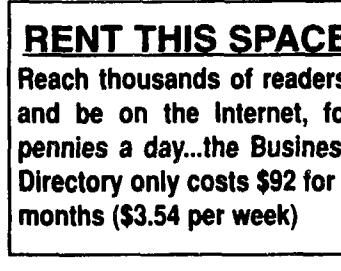


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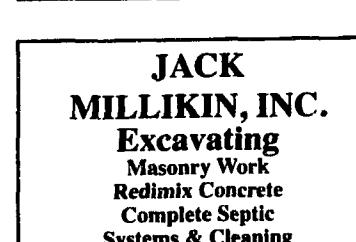
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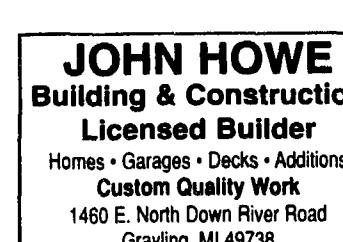
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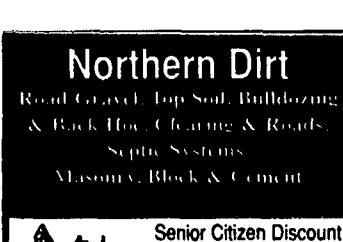
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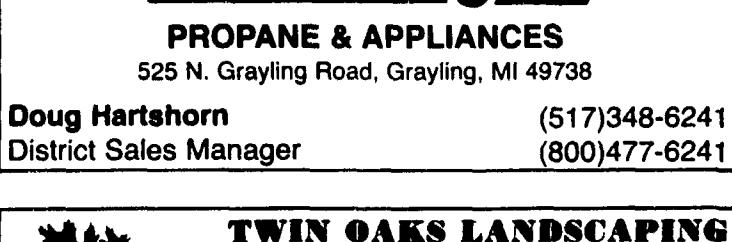
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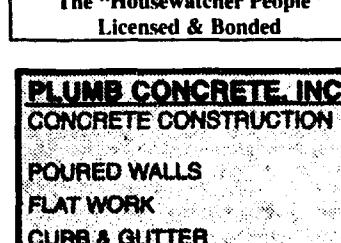
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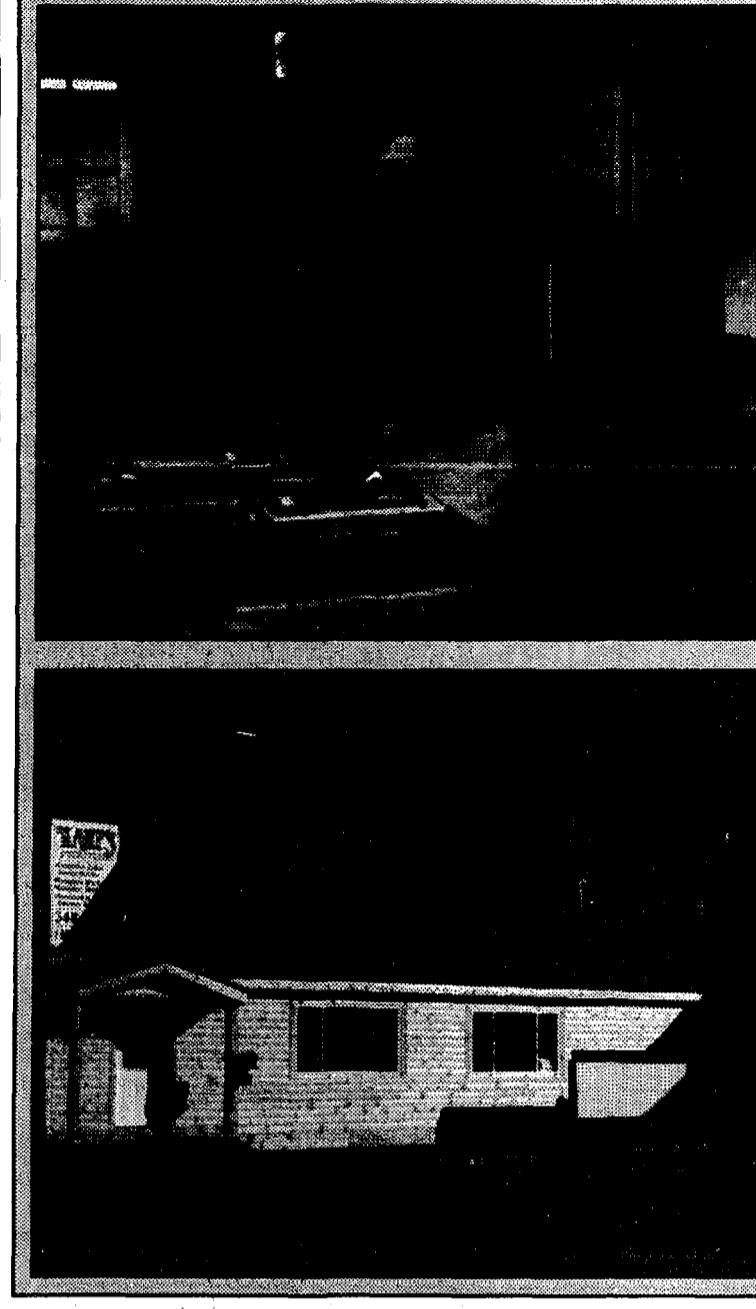
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A NEW LOOK — Karp's Custom Cabinet and Quality Furniture, Inc. (below) located on M72 West in Grayling, has been remodeled and has received a facelift in recent days. Owner Denny Karp (left) expanded his showroom to accommodate a new line of cabinets and had the building sided with custom-made half-logs. This is Karp's second store. The original store is located on Old 27 in Waters. Karp offers "Old World Craftsmanship" to his customers.



Cable company continues food drive to benefit local charities

Cable Michigan announced that the *Cans for Cable* charity tie-in promotion has been going very well and is hoping to collect over 6,000 canned goods to be distributed to food banks throughout Michigan.

The North Region of Cable Michigan, providing cable service to twenty counties in northern Michigan, hopes to collect and distribute over 2,200 canned goods to local food banks.

"We are very pleased to be able to conduct a highly visible campaign each year that will give benefits directly back to the communities we serve with cable service," stated Patrick R. Cline, Regional Marketing and Sales Manager for Cable Michigan's North Region.

The food drive campaign provides customers with a free installation of basic cable, or existing customers with a free upgrade of their current service to HBO, Cinemax or Showtime, with a donation of ten canned goods to the drive.

Current customers that add HBO or Cinemax will receive one half off their first month's rate on one of these services.

The campaign runs until December 22, 1998.

Some of the northern Michigan area food banks receiving canned goods include The Salvation Army, Father Fred Foundation, and various church food pantries.

New Executive Coordinator chosen for northern community foundation

North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) announced that Shari Lyn Ankney has been named Executive Coordinator for the foundation. She was also named to the same office for the Roscommon County United Way.

Duties of the newly-created position include managing the office, maintaining records, organizing campaigns, tracking donations, monitoring grant processes and serving as liaison between various boards and committees.

Ankney joins these organizations at a critical time for both. NCMCF is in the final month when gifts received will qualify for the Kellogg Foundation's 50 percent matching funds program. NCMCF will begin grant review



Shari Lyn Ankney

in early 1999.

Meanwhile, the Roscommon

United Way is also in the final weeks of its annual campaign. It will begin member agency allocations in February.

As she assumes the responsibilities of coordinating activities for both groups, Ankney will draw on 18 years of experience in communications and media design.

During the past five years, she has been instrumental in launching a new corporation and an annual conference to promote professional minority women.

Ankney also served two years as executive secretary for a non-profit association. Her most recent endeavor was developing a new graphics and communications department for a major company.

Originally from a rural area

near Grand Rapids, Ankney holds a degree in Commercial Art from Ferris State University. She has worked in the Detroit area for the past ten years, while maintaining a home in St. Helen since 1989.

"I'm delighted to be back in a small community," Ankney said. "It is important to me to be able to serve my neighbors, those less fortunate, and to help create a strong foundation for our children to build their futures on."

"I am very proud to play a part in both NCMCF and the United Way."

Anyone interested in meeting Ankney may do so at her office located inside the Roscommon branch of NBD on Lake Street. Or call her at (517) 275-3112 or (517) 275-2067.

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Northern farmers may qualify for help with pasture loss

Roger A. Mott, County Executive Director for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency, received notification recently that Washington, D.C. had approved their application for the new Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).

This program is designed to provide assistance to livestock producers in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties who suffered pasture loss during 1998.

Mott stated, "This program is to aid in the loss of pasture land only. The farmer had to suffer pasture loss during 1998 and must have

had livestock on hand during the time of the loss.

"Each individual farmer must show that they individually suffered a minimum of a 40 percent loss in pasture during a designated payment period."

Each county requesting approval had to submit documentation to Washington supporting at least a 40 percent loss in pasture for the entire county during the normal grazing period.

In addition, they had to document that the loss in pasture had been for a minimum of 90 days.

"Any farmer who has any questions or thinks they may qualify, should contact our office at (517) 345-5470, extension 2, or stop by the office located at 240 West Wright Street in West Branch, as soon as possible," Mott said.

"The sign-up period begins immediately and runs through January 8, 1999. If a farmer does not get signed up during this period, he will not be able to participate. If they miss the deadline, they probably won't be able to receive any payments."

"Again, farmers should contact this office directly with any questions," Mott concluded.

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Navy Petty Officer First Class James W. Shumaker, whose wife, Tara, is the daughter of Philip and Linda K. Verdui of Roscommon, was recently designated a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three, Port Hueneme, Calif.

To earn the warfare insignia, Shumaker demonstrated superior knowledge and proficiency of numerous aspects of Seabee combat warfare during emergency and battle conditions, including communications, tactics, embarkation, logistics, contingency construction and weapons.

Other requirements for designation include being in the top categories of leadership and performance and passing an oral examination.

The 1991 graduate of Belleville Township High School East of Belleville, Ill., joined the Navy in July, 1992.

In a brief ceremony at the Headquarters of the Michigan

Army National Guard in Lansing, Kelly A. Vandecar was promoted to Major.

Major Vandecar is a resident of Grayling, married to Master Sergeant Terry Vandecar, who works at Camp Grayling.

She has two daughters - Amy, who is a 1993 graduate of Grayling High School and a Specialist in the Army National Guard, and Heather, who is a 7th grade student at Grayling Middle School.

Major Vandecar received a Direct Commission in 1984 and has completed the Adjutant General Officer Basic and Advance Officer Course, the Combined Arms & Services Staff School (CAS3) and is currently enrolled in the Army Logistics Development College.

She is assigned as a Supply Officer, Logistics Division of the State Area Command (STARC) in Lansing.

Vandecar works full time for the Department of Corrections at Shawano Center.

Uncle meets nephew in Korea



RELATIVE EXPERIENCE — PFC Nathan Weaver (left) had the opportunity to spend some time with his uncle, MSG Dwane Halstead (right) in November while on assignment in Seoul, South Korea.

MSG Dwane Halstead and PFC Nathan Weaver met up with each other on the outskirts of Seoul, South Korea on November 4.

Halstead is assigned to the 29th Air Traffic Service Group (Army National Guard) from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Weaver is assigned to the 595th Maintenance Company in Korea.

A Senior Maintenance Supervisor, Halstead was tasked

with evaluating ground maintenance of the 164th Air Traffic Services Group (U.S. Army).

In Maryland, Halstead works for the State Surface Maintenance office of the Maryland National Guard. He lives with his wife Margaret in Bel Air, Maryland.

Halstead is the son of Claude and Arlene Halstead of Grayling.

Weaver is the son of Steve and Elizabeth Weaver of Frederic.

MERCY BIRTHS

Jeremiah & Trish Kahnert of Grayling announce the arrival of Jocelyn Marie Kahnert born November 27, 1998.

James & Elizabeth Glover of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Jacqueline Hae Jo Glover born November 28, 1998.

Timothy & Teresa Jones of

Luzerne announce the arrival of April Rose Jones born November 28, 1998.

Billy & Judy Elliott of Grayling announce the arrival of Lacy Shay Elliott born November 30, 1998.

Lisa Kowalski of Prudenville announces the arrival of Raylene Marie Duncan born December 1, 1998.

Michael Moshier & Wassana Tomasak of Grayling announce the arrival of Anthony Michael Moshier born December 3, 1998.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff Department from December 7 - 14, 1998:

Two assaults, two burglaries, two larcenies, three of property damage, one for controlled substance, one family/child, five public peace, one OUIL/OUID, eight health and safety, one civil rights, one invasion of privacy, four miscellaneous crimes, five pertaining to minors, two runaways, 15 accidents, one civil traffic stop, two false alarms, one vehicle inspection, five civil/family trouble, four suspicious situations, 19 general non-criminal.

A total of 85 complaints were answered during the seven-day period.

Card of Thanks

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OBITUARIES

Pauline E. Meaker

Pauline E. Meaker, 79, of Grayling, passed away on December 7, 1998 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

She was born in Carter County, Kentucky on October 24, 1919 to Oscar and Vada (Wicker) Kimbler.

She is survived by daughters Shirley Duvall of Grayling, Bonnie (David) Goosen of Sault Ste. Marie, and Ruth Ann (Harry) Liebziet of Traverse City. She is also survived by grandchildren, Ron, Mary Lou and Larry Duvall II and David Meaker, as well as 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Meaker was a resident of Grayling and Crawford County for 52 years. She was a retired bartender for the Plaza Bar & Grill, Pete's Cafe, and the AuSable Bar & Grill, all in Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Meaker, in 1975, and by her parents.

A graveside memorial service will be held in Spring 1999 at Maple Forest Township Cemetery with Pastor Ron Duvall officiating.

Memorials are requested to be sent to the Crawford County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

Barbara J. St. John

Barbara J. St. John, 66, of Frederic, passed away Tuesday morning, December 15, 1998, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

Friends may call Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, at (517) 348-2951, for details.

Suzanne M. Waycaster

Suzanne M. Waycaster, 37, of Frederic, passed away on December 9, 1998 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

She was born in Flint on January 4, 1961 to Richard A. and Joyce G. (DeLong) Cooley. She moved to Frederic one year ago from Florida.

Preceded in death by her daughter Marcia Waycaster, sister Denise Belill and father Richard, she is survived by her mother, Joyce of Frederic, brothers Robert (Peggy) Madison of Flint, Chris (Kathy) Madison of Erwin, Tenn., David (Rose) Madison of Roseville, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on December 12 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. No funeral service was held.

In loving memory of Chas. (Gus) Williams,

Who passed away December 18, 1994.

We think of you often in the middle of a busy day and during the quiet when we are alone.

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As long as we love each other and remember the feeling of love we had, we can die without really going away. All the love you created is still there. You live on in the hearts of everyone you have touched while you were here.

Death ends a life, not a relationship.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by: Wife Sammie, children, grandchildren, family and friends

William Erwin

William "Bill" Erwin, 77, of Grayling died on Sunday, December 13, 1998 at his home.

Bill was the son of Elwood J. and Elsie (Burch) Erwin born on September 4, 1921 in Toledo, Ohio. Bill married his first wife Zarilda "Zee" Motter in 1946. She preceded him in death in 1987. In 1988 he married Sue C. Smith.

Mr. Erwin served under General Patton in WWII and was involved in the "Battle of the Bulge" in Company B 150th Engineer Battalion from Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He retired to Grayling in 1970 from Jeep of Toledo and Jeep of Wisconsin after 30 years of service.

He attended Woodiard Elementary School and DeAviles High School in Toledo, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife; stepdaughter, Edna and Tom Maddox of Onstead; three stepsons: Carl and Vern Ashley of Auburn Hills, Grady and Sheila Ashley of Auburn Hills, Hedrick and Leslie Ashley of Lake Orion; one sister, Jacquin and Bill Outland of Toledo, Ohio and mother-in-law Edna Mills of Batesville, Arizona; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services for committal of ashes will be held on Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Virginia Blanchard

Virginia Cecile Blanchard, 82, of Flint died Sunday, December 13, 1998 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Virginia was born on December 18, 1915 in Grayling, the daughter of Daniel and Jennie (Blondin) Hoesli. She attended school in Grayling before moving to Flint to attend Baker Business School. Virginia was married to William George Blanchard for 63 years. He preceded her in death one year ago.

Survivors include: son, William Arthur Blanchard of Flint; daughter, Jean Algoe of Reed and husband Billy of Grand Blanc; grandchildren, Pamela Sue Spencer of Grand Blanc, Billy Ross Reed Jr. and wife Shelley of Dyersburg, Tennessee and Lisa Ann Seminkowski and husband Christopher of Royal Oak; great grand children, Matthew Ross Spencer, Melissa Ann Spencer of Grand Blanc, Morgan Michelle Reed of Dyersburg, Tennessee; sister, Nancy Kleekamp and husband Herbert of Saginaw, and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 17 at Brown Funeral Home in Flint with Fr. Fred Hoesli officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Entombment will be in Glenwood Cemetery to follow.

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A \$10 donation will purchase a memorial book. A card will be sent to the family and information is added to the Memorial Drawer at the Crawford County Library.

New Memorials at the Crawford County Library include:

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Books purchased from a bequest from Ingeborg A. Raee - *No Place of Safety; Simplify Your Household; Double Exposure; Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea; I Know This Much is True; American Dreams; Saratoga Strongbox; Tanner on Ice; Homeport (Large Print); Toxin (Large Print); Low Country; Brushback; At All Costs; Practical Feng Shui; With This Ring (Large Print); Murder at the Watergate; Everlasting Love (Large Print); Christmas with Southern Living 1998; Complete Book of Scarves; Charlotte Brontë; Little Mermaid; When Venus Fell; Elizabeth: A Biography of Elizabeth II; Path to Power; Diana, Princess of Wales - A Tribute in Photographs; Magic Mirrors of M.C. Escher; Caribbean Islands Handbook; The Vice-Presidents; Freedom's Sons; Mardi Gras; Amelia Earhart, First Lady of Flight; Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm; Colonial Kids; A First Dictionary of Cultural Literacy; Queen: Elizabeth II; Lives of the*

Athletes; Jane Goodall; Geronimo; How Do Our Eyes See?; How Do Our Ears Hear?; World of the Dinosaur; A is for Artist; A Getty Museum Alphabet; Lives of the Artists; Life During the Crusades.

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For more Memorial Book information, please call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Log on to the library's Web site address at: www.grayling-mi.com/library.htm.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Special thought for the week: Never borrow trouble, the interest is entirely too high!

We hope that all of you that came to our Christmas dinner had a really fine time, and we would like to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

Did you know that we have a toll free number to call for those people who live outside the 348 or 344 exchange? The number is 1-888-355-4500. Please tell your "outlying" friends and neighbors about it.

You guys and gals out there don't know what you're missing if you're not coming to the Euchre Club on Tuesdays. They are up to having four or five tables now. They sure have a lot of fun and more people could be having the same fun.

Your week ahead: Christmas tea and cookie exchange (bring two dozen cookies, divided into four plastic bags) at 4 p.m. on the 16 and at 5:30 the COA Board meeting; SHARE pick-up between Hangman at 5:30 on the 14; Christmas dinners on the 15 and Christmas Tea on the 16th at 4 p.m. and COA Board meeting at 5:30; Casino trip on the 17 and Foot Clinic, by appointment; SHARE pick-up on the 18th between 1:30 and 3; Lovell's Satellite at noon, Pantry Bingo at 1 and Legal Help at 1:30-all on the 18. Pancake Brunch on the 20 from 10-1.

The Center will be closed for the holidays on December 24 and 25 and again on the 31st and January 1, 1999.

Special note: Lynn Weber will be here on Tuesday, December 22 at

12:30 to speak to us on "Health Magnets." Should be very interesting, because we all keep seeing advertisements for these things and this will give us a chance to find out more about them.

Remember, drive safely and WALK safely! Wouldn't it be nice if we could get through a winter without anyone falling on the ice and getting hurt or breaking something? Let's try for this year!

Just a reminder that our congregate meals are served at noon and five Monday thru Thursday and lunch only on Friday. We have a fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesdays and soup is served on Monday and Wednesday.

Please try to make a reservation, if you can, by calling 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

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17 - Home Fried Steak/Liver & Onions

18 - Chicken/no dinner

21 - Meatloaf/Port Ragout

22 - Maryland Chicken/Italian Round Steak

23 - Beef Stew/Hamburg & Cheese Noodles

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

28 - Stuffed Peppers/Pork Turnovers

29 - Chicken ala King/Chopped Sirloin

30 - Ham/Breaded Fish

Center Closed - See you next year!!!

Thought to leave you with: Most of us would be content with our lot, if we had a lot. Please have a good week and stop in and see us soon.

Buron boy bags buffalo



Photo courtesy of Carole Hallett

SUCCESSFUL HUNT - Trent Buron, 15, son of Sherry and Tim Buron, and grandson of Marv and Carole Hallett of Grayling, bagged this female buffalo in Delta Junction, Alaska, on November 29. Trent was the youngest of 100 hunters granted permits for the hunt this year. During a required buffalo hunting class, Trent learned to distinguish a female from a male from a distance by the more narrow shape of her head. Both sexes of the species grow horns.

Michigan Cares assists victims of Hurricane Mitch

Governor Engler joined representatives of Spring Lake-based *International Aid* to announce *Michigan Cares*, a relief effort targeted to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras and Nicaragua.

An estimated 2.8 million people have been left homeless in these two countries in the wake of the hurricane.

"Michigan has a proud history of coming to the aid of those in need," Engler said. "The *Michigan Cares* effort gives them

a way to make a tangible difference in the lives of at-risk families and children devastated by Hurricane Mitch."

The Governor announced that he will be contacting pharmaceutical and medical supply companies located in or working with the State of Michigan to contribute to the *Michigan Cares* effort.

In addition, the Michigan National Guard will coordinate, when appropriate, air transport through the Denton program, which is jointly administered by USAID and the Departments of State and Defense.

The *Michigan Cares* effort also enjoys the support of U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham, whose office will also assist in this undertaking.

A representative from Michigan's Community Health Department will also accompany *International Aid's* assessment team, which will determine the best avenues through which to distribute the supplies.

Individuals who would like to make contributions to *Michigan Cares* may send checks to *International Aid*, earmarked *Michigan Cares*, 17011 W. Hickory, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

The phone number is 1-800-968-7490 and the e-mail address is: michcares@internationalaid.org.

In addition, communities must

FREDERIC COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

The Frederic Community Library is grateful to those who donated baked goods and those who supported us at our bake sale held at Frederic Elementary School. It was a great success.

Mrs. Dean's 2nd grade class visited the library on Wednesday, November 18. We read a story about Thanksgiving and the children were shown how to use the card catalog to find a book.

Each child was given a library card to be completed and signed by their parents. When they return their completed cards, they will receive a permanent library card and will be allowed to check out books and other materials.

The Frederic Community Library has videos that can be checked out for one week with a deposit of \$2 per video. If returned on or before the due date, the deposit will be refunded.

Types of videos we have are educational, cartoons, and "good" family movies.

Our newest videos, which were donated by the Frederic Hobby Club and everyone who donates Carter's receipts, are: *Annabelle's Wish*, *Pippi Longstocking*, *Anastasia*, *Winnie the Pooh - Frankenpooh*, *Oliver*, *D2 - The Mighty Ducks*, *A Kid in King Arthur's Court*, *Air Bud*, *The Jungle Book - Mowgli's Story*, *Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen's*

Double, Double, Toil & Trouble, *Flipper*, *Iron Will*, *Babe*, *Paulie*, and *Matilda*.

The library collects Carter's receipts, along with the Frederic Hobby Club. If you have any, please bring them to the Frederic library or give them to a Hobby Club member.

We also collect Glen's certificates. When you receive your certificates in the mail, please bring them to the Frederic library. We are saving for a computer, and your help is greatly appreciated.

Jim and Barb Verlinde donated to the memorials of Dale Allen and Jimmie McLaughlin. A book will be purchased as a memorial for each of them.

If you would like to donate to a memorial, please send donations to: Frederic Community Library, P.O. Box 353, Frederic, MI 49733.

To have a person's name placed on our memorial plaque, a donation of \$25 or more, from one or more donors is requested. The purchase of a memorial book may be made with a minimum contribution of \$10. You are welcome to suggest a subject area.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, or if you would like a good book to read, stop in or call (517) 348-4067.

Gift to community foundation qualifies for state tax credit

submit an application and supporting documentation by the statutory deadline of April 1.

An individual donor may receive a tax credit up to 50 percent of the amount he or she contributed during the tax year. The individual credit may not exceed \$100, or \$200 for a joint return.

The community foundation is a non-refundable credit, which prohibits a taxpayer from claiming more than their total tax liability.

A list of certified community foundations will be included in the 1998 MI 1040 income tax booklet and is published on the Department of Treasury's web page at: www.treas.state.mi.us.

It is important to note that several of the larger community foundations manage the funds of smaller community foundations.

The smaller community foundations, known as geographic affiliate funds, are listed under the managing foundation. The donor must use the number assigned to the managing community foundation on the tax form to claim the credit even if the donation is made payable to the geographic affiliate funds.

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"MET is an excellent savings vehicle for Michigan families who want to begin saving for their children's college tuition," said Acting State Treasurer and MET Board Chairperson Madhu Anderson.

"I encourage all those planning for higher education costs to consider this investment option as part of their overall financing plan."

Anderson noted that full, limited, or community college contracts will be offered with two purchase options: lump sum and monthly purchase.

"Ten years ago the average cost of one year's

tuition at a four-year public university in Michigan was \$2,302. This year the average is \$4,385," Anderson added.

"Consider the cost of purchasing a MET contract today and the potential cost of a college education 10 years from now, planning ahead certainly pays off."

MET contracts have certain tax advantages not offered by other college savings options. The total contract price exempt from state income tax and the increase in value of the original contract price is tax deferred.

The increased value is then taxed at the student's tax rate over the time he or she attends college. However, it is important to remember that MET is not guaranteed by the state of Michigan, but is secured by the assets of the trust.

"Since the program's origination, more than

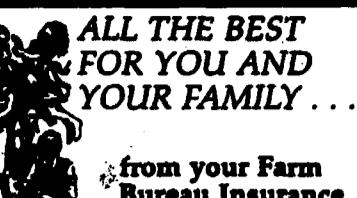
57,000 contracts have been sold," Anderson said. "We currently estimate that approximately 5,071 of these contracts have been completed. Additionally, about 8,996 contracts are being paid for students now utilizing their benefits at Michigan public and private colleges and out-of-state colleges."

Interested individuals also can obtain applications at hospitals, Rite Aid stores, Secretary of State branch offices, Michigan libraries, and Treasury offices.

Applications also have been mailed to previous purchasers and others on the MET mailing list.

A non-refundable \$25 fee is required when submitting an application.

Michigan residents interested in receiving an application or additional information about MET may call 1-800-MET-4-KID (1-800-638-4543).



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Grayling High School students receive Key Club charter

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Thirty-two Grayling High School students have signed up as charter members of the first Key Club in the history of the school, sponsored by the Grayling Kiwanis.

Grayling High School Key Club Charter Members are: President Sam Moore, Vice President Maryann Sirine, Secretary Brandy Plutko, Treasurer Lindsey Voelker, Board Members Ryan Casey, Natalie Kent, and Sonya Saladine.

Other charter members are Jessica Abfalter, Laura Bale, Jessica Becks, Tasha Carlisle, Angie Cojocar, Angela Fisher, Heather Hatfield, Dave Hawkins, Sara Johnson, Nicole Larm, Teresa Legg, Justin Manier, Danielle McClanahan, Meghan Meyer, Katie Olson, Bridgette Reed, Kim Ruley, Katie Southard, Alexis Sumner, Mandy Trudgeon, Emily Weaver, Sarah Weaver, Kelly Wilson, Lloyd Winkler, and Amber Wyman.

For those not familiar with the club, its name is an acronym derived from the words Kiwanis Educating Youth. Each Key Club must have a sponsoring Kiwanis Club whose members are dedicated to seeing that the Key Club is active and thriving.

At a Charter Night ceremony held December 4, Committee Chair and Advisor John Smock introduced and thanked the Kiwanis Key Club Committee Members consisting of Faculty Advisor Kathy Iler, Committee Members Tammy Kent, Mary Nama, Tim Stephan, and April Terry.

Also introduced were guests Michigan Kiwanis Governor Mark Rabaut, Key Club Administrator George Brown, Key Club Governor Nikia L. Byers, and Key Club Lt.

Governor Lauren Ludwig.

After a prayer led by committee member April Terry, Key Club Officers and members were inducted by Key Club Lt. Governor Ludwig.

Following an inspiring keynote address by Key Club Governor Byers, President Sam Moore accepted the club's charter from Key Club Administrator Brown.

Moore was then presented with the club's school banner, gavel and customary bell from Kiwanis Club President Brian McMahon.

President Moore gave closing remarks about the goals of the Grayling High School Key Club toward development of leadership, initiative and good citizenship among high school students in the community.

The Key Club will be involved in functions at the local, district and international level. They have been challenged to be major contributors to the *Make a Wish Foundation* in the near future.

Being a member of the Key Club gives students the opportunity to relate to teenagers from countries all around the world through its highly structured program and literature.



Key Club is the largest service organization of its kind, with over 200,000 members in about 4,200 clubs worldwide.

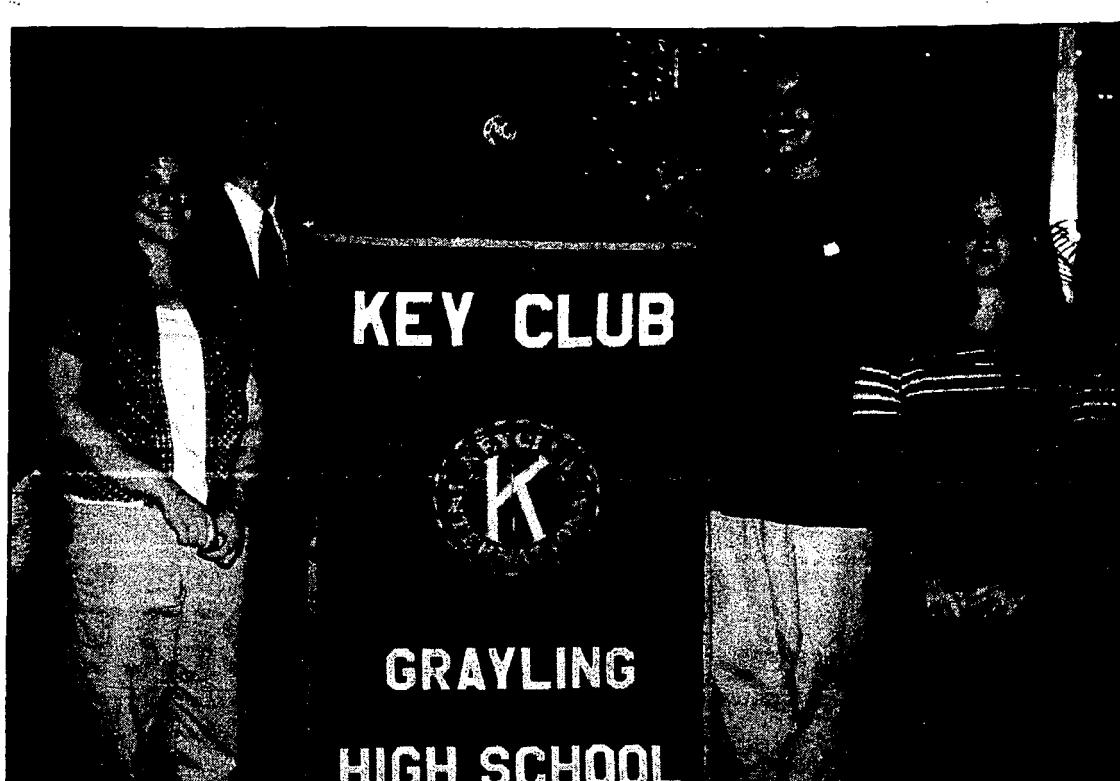


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP — The newly formed Kiwanis-sponsored Grayling High School Key Club, a service oriented youth organization, received its charter and school banner December 4 at a charter dinner held at Shoppenagon's Inn. From left: board members Natalie Kent and Ryan Casey, President Sam Moore and board member Sonya Saladine. There are 32 charter members in the GHS Key Club.

The first Key Club was formed in May 1925 in Sacramento, California. The original concept was to develop a vocational guidance program aimed to combat the problems of school fraternities. From this evolved the idea of a service organization for the home, school and community.

The idea slowly spread throughout the country, and by 1939, Florida had a sufficient number of Key Clubs functioning to hold a state convention and form a district.

Other districts followed, and in 1943, a national organization was started. Canada formed its first Key Club in 1946, and to establish a strong foundation, the Key Club International Constitution and Bylaws were adopted that same year.

Today there are clubs in Aruba, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Phillipines, Republic of China, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States, Colombia, Bermuda, Panama, and New Caledonia.

Key Club adult advisors spend a lot of time and energy on the Key Club's behalf to insure a successful program. Local clubs are also supported at the district and international levels.

The highlight of the Key Club year is the International Convention held in July and usually attended by over 2,500 people. The convention serves many purposes, including the unveiling of projects for the upcoming year, the selection of International Officers, amendments to the Constitution and

Bylaws, the opportunity to make friendships and hear educational speakers.

District conventions are held during the spring of each year and provide the same opportunities.

The club meets at 2:55 p.m. each Tuesday at the high school. Dues in the Grayling Key Club are only \$10 per year. Each member will receive seven issues of the *Keynoter* official publication and a membership pin.

The Key Club is run by the Key Clubbers themselves; the adults are there to advise and counsel only. The members develop the programs, organize the projects, run the meetings and take the initiative to serve.

The club is not a fraternity or secret organization and its membership is open to all qualified students.

Objectives of the Key Club

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Some of the theater's most challenging plays and classic characters will be performed by theater arts students at Interlochen Arts Academy during the 1998-99 season.

Festivities by Anton Chekhov, will be performed January 29, 30 and 31. Venue to be announced.

These four delightful "vaudevilles," as Chekhov dubbed them, offers a full evening of laughter and fun.

The plays presented are *The Brute*, *The Marriage Proposal*, *The Wedding Celebration*, and *Festivities*.

Each is peopled by memorable comic misfits and this production will offer an exciting new translation of the play.

Festivities will be directed by David Montee and Ev Corum. Tickets are \$6 and \$4.

Stage Door, by Edna Ferber and George S.

Kaufman, will be performed March 5, 6, and 7 in the Harvey Theatre.

This classic comedy follows the lives of a group of aspiring young actresses, set in a New York City boarding house during the Depression.

A showcase for female acting talent, the play inspired the same-named classic 1937 film, which featured such young actresses as Katherine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers, Lucille Ball, Ann Miller and Eve Arden.

Stage Door will be guided by guest director Tom Bewley, Director of Admissions at Interlochen. Tickets are \$6 and \$4.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will be performed at 8 p.m., March 12 and 13 in the Harvey Theatre.

This popular family musical will be performed both at the Interlochen campus and at

various locations in northern Michigan for a brief tour.

That beloved animated *Peanuts* gang — Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Schroeder and Snoopy — reprise some of their most popular comic moments, accompanied by some memorable songs.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will be directed by Robin Ellis. Tickets are \$6 and \$4.

Interlochen's season finale will be *Cabaret*, performed May 14, 15 and 16 in the Harvey Theatre. An additional evening performance will be given May 16, along with the usual Sunday matinee.

Created by John Kander, Fred Ebb and Joe Masteroff, this great musical is enjoying an acclaimed revival on Broadway, winning numerous Tony Awards, including Best Musical Revival, for 1998.

Based upon *The Berlin Stories* by Christopher Isherwood, *Cabaret* tells of the tumultuous relationship between an American writer and a British cabaret singer during the rise of Nazism in pre-World War II Berlin.

The original production of *Cabaret* was turned into an Academy Award-winning film starring Liza Minnelli, Michael York and Joel Grey.

For mature audiences, this production will be directed by David Montee. Ticket prices for this musical theatre production are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students 18 and under.

For tickets, contact the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230.

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Soft vinyl baby toys may be harmful

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) states that critical questions remain about the toxic hazards posed by a softener added to most soft plastic vinyl toys.

Some stores, including Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, Meijer's, Target and Toys-R-U-S, have agreed to pull from their shelves soft vinyl teething rings, rattles, nipples and pacifiers because they may contain potentially harmful additives called phthalates.

When toys containing the additive are chewed, the softener can leach from the toys into the child's mouth.

The CPSC admits that more study is needed, but urged toy makers and manufacturers of baby products to stop using the softener in toys most likely to be chewed by children under the age of three years. The Commission concluded, however, that the amounts of the chemical leaching from these items would cause harm "in few, if any, children."

Phthalates have been shown to cause liver and kidney damage and cancer in mice, but scientists are not sure if they cause cancer in humans.

Gerber has voluntarily recalled its Clear & Soft line of pacifiers and nipples and the products have been pulled from the shelves of Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears and Toys-R-U-S stores.

The Michigan Environmental Health Coalition (MEHC), a 35-member group working to protect public health by protecting the environment, is calling for all toys containing the potentially toxic softener to be labeled, and those likely to be chewed to be removed from store shelves. Most toy companies do not label or disclose the contents of toys and other children's products.

According to the Ecology Center, some European countries have banned or restricted the use of vinyl in infant toys and products, and Canadian public health agency, *Health Canada*, has issued an advisory instructing parents and caregivers to dispose of vinyl toys for young children.

In its 28th year, the Ecology Center is an environmental advocacy organization that works on pollution prevention and environmental health concerns.

Mary Beth Doyle of the Ecology Center, and coordinator of the MEHC, said the CPSC recommended that toy makers voluntarily stop making toys with phthalates, suggested that parents dispose of them, but fell short of recommending the toys be removed from stores.

"For the CPSC to tell concerned parents to dispose of these toys, yet allow them to remain on toy store shelves is ludicrous," Doyle said. "It sends a mixed message to consumers."



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Thursday, December 7, 1995

Get ready for winter's arrival - if it ever gets here

By Cheryl Rulley

Staff Writer

While we have been basking in the recent unseasonably mild weather, let us not forget that winter officially begins on December 21.

To rouse your memory of what the word "winter" can mean in northern Michigan, here are some facts and tips to keep yourself and your family out of trouble when the winter storms, bringing snow, ice, and bitter winds, finally arrive.

Typically, Crawford County and surrounding areas receive a type of snow that is for the most part unique to the Great Lakes region - lake effect snow. The National Weather Service (NWS) station in Waters will be using a new method to more accurately forecast lake effect snow events.

By using a guide called the *Lake Effect Snow Decision Tree*, meteorologists will be able to determine more accurately where and when a lake effect snow event will occur, as well as make determinations on snowfall amounts and duration of the event.

Conditions have to be just right to create lake effect snow. Measurements of lake temperature, atmospheric instability, cold air depth, wind, surface air temperature and humidity have to occur in the right combination for lake effect snow to be generated. Terrain is also a factor.

The greatest amount of snow will fall in Crawford County when the relative humidity is at least 60 percent, temperature below freezing, barometric pressure is falling, cold air depth is 7,500 feet and the winds blow over Lake Superior, then over Lake Michigan from the northwest.

If you add to the unstable atmosphere upward vertical motion that can occur when warm moist air flows up over a dome of cold air, you've then got lake enhanced snow. Lake enhanced snow events usually cause the greatest amount of snowfall in the shortest amount of time.

Weather forecasters use varying terminology when talking about snow. For instance, light snow falling for short periods of time, usually resulting in a light dusting or little accumulation is called flurries. When snow showers are predicted, snow will fall at varying intensities for brief periods of time and some measurable snow may result.

Snow squalls are best known in the Great Lakes region and are brief, but intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant.

Blowing snow is the major cause of lifting. It is wind-driven snow that reduces visibility. This snow may be lifting and/or loose snow already on the

ground and picked up by the wind.

Blizzard conditions occur when sustained winds blow at speeds over 35 miles per hour, blowing snow and reducing visibility to near zero.

Winter can also bring sleet or rain drops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Although sleet usually bounces off of surfaces instead of freezing to them, it can accumulate like snow and cause hazardous driving conditions.

Perhaps the most significant problems occur during episodes of freezing rain, better known as ice storms. Freezing rain occurs when rain falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, power lines, cars and roads, forming a thick coating or thin glaze of ice, depending on the amount that falls. The weight of the ice frequently snaps tree limbs and power lines, causing power outages and dangerous conditions.

According to the NWS, winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm.

In deaths related to ice and snow, about 70 percent occur in automobiles, about 25 percent are people caught out in the storm, and the majority are males over 40 years of age.

In deaths related to exposure to the cold, 50 percent are people over 60 years old, over 75 percent are male, and about 20 percent of the deaths occur in the home.

And, don't forget all the reports of those who suffer heart attacks trying to shovel heavy snow, or by pushing a car or by walking in deep snow. The strain on the heart muscle from the cold and the hard labor may cause a heart attack. Sweating could lead to a chill and hypothermia.

Precautions must be taken during the winter months to make sure we make it to see spring blossoms.

When outside in the cold, be aware of the signs of frostbite. A loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose are symptoms that call for immediate medical attention. If you must wait for medical help, slowly re-warm affected areas by gently covering the affected skin with a blanket or other soft material. Never run warm or hot water over the area as this may lead to permanent tissue damage.

Hypothermia or low body temperature may accompany frostbite. Warning signs of hypothermia are uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If you suspect this condition is present, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95

degrees Fahrenheit, seek immediate medical attention.

If medical care is not available, begin warming the person slowly. Warm the body core first. If needed, use your own body heat to help. Get the person into dry clothing, and wrap them in a warm blanket covering the head and neck.

Do not give the victim alcohol, drugs, coffee, or any hot beverage or food - warm broth is better. And, do not warm fingers, toes, arms or legs first. This drives the cold blood toward the heart and can lead to heart failure.

Don't forget - your pets are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia, too, if left outside in the cold too long.

So, what do you do when you find yourself caught in a winter storm? If you are outside - find shelter, try to stay dry and cover all exposed parts of the body.

If you cannot find shelter - prepare a lean-to, wind-break, or snow cave for protection from the wind, and if possible, build a fire for heat and to attract attention. Be sure to pile rocks around the fire to absorb and reflect the heat.

If you are thirsty, do not eat snow because it will lower your body temperature. Melt it first, then drink it.

If you are stranded in a car or truck, stay inside. If you leave your vehicle, you may become quickly disoriented trying to walk to shelter in blizzard conditions. Follow these tips:

- Run the motor for about ten minutes each hour for heat and open a window to allow a little fresh air inside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Also, make sure the exhaust pipe is not clogged.

- Make yourself visible to rescuers by turning on the dome light at night when the engine is running, tie a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to your antenna or door handle, and raise the hood to indicate trouble, but only after the snow stops falling.

- Be sure to exercise occasionally by moving arms, legs, fingers and toes to keep blood circulating and to keep warm. Don't forget to keep your hat or hood on.

- If you are at home or in a building when the storm hits, stay inside. If you have to use alternative heat from a fireplace, wood stove or space heater, remember to use fire safety rules and proper ventilation.

- If you have no heat source, close off unneeded rooms and stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors. Cover the windows at night to keep heat inside and cold night air out.

- Eat and Drink. Food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat and liquids help prevent dehydration.

- Put on layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. When appropriate, remove layers to avoid overheating, perspiration and a chill that may lead to hypothermia.

Preparation is the key to comfort and safety when a winter storm occurs. When winter storm watches or warnings are issued by the NWS, prepare for the worse case scenario by having on hand a flashlight and extra batteries, a battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio or portable radio, a three-day supply of food and water, prescription medicine and baby items, first aid supplies, an safe alternative heat source, fire extinguisher and smoke detector.

If you have to travel, keep up on the latest weather reports and try to avoid the storm. Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter driving conditions.

Carry in your vehicle a blanket or sleeping bag, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, knife, high-calorie, non-perishable food, extra clothing to keep dry, a large empty can and plastic cover with tissues and paper



WEATHER AID - This is a picture of some of the doppler radar equipment meteorologists at the National Weather Service station in Waters use to forecast weather throughout the year in northern Michigan.

towels for sanitary purposes, a smaller can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water, bag of sand or cat litter, shovel, windshield scraper and brush, tool kit, tow rope, jumper cables, water container, compass and road maps.

Keep your gas tank near full, try not to travel alone and let someone know your timetable and primary and alternate routes. If you can afford one, the purchase a cellular phone is a good investment for those who have to travel a lot, especially if travelling alone.

When a winter storm watch is issued, that means severe winter conditions,

such as heavy snow and/or ice, are possible within the next day or two.

By the time a winter storm warning is issued severe winter conditions have begun or are about to begin in your area and NWS advises that you stay indoors. Seek refuge immediately when a blizzard warning is issued. Travel for vehicles other than law enforcement and emergencies will be greatly discouraged or prohibited.

Winter weather will come to Crawford County and northern Michigan sooner or later. Play it safe, watch for weather reports, and be prepared.

Photos by Cheryl Rulley

NEW TECHNOLOGY - Meteorologist Scott Rozanski demonstrates how new computer equipment will help in forecasting lake effect and lake enhanced snowfall this winter. Weather reports are now updated using voice-activated computers.

JV team beats Bucks by 56, downed by Falcons in OT

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's JV Boys Basketball Team was simply too much for visiting Roscommon on Tuesday, December 8, as the Vikings dominated the Bucks for the entire game.

Grayling won the lop-sided contest by 56 points, 74-18.

The Vikings jumped out to an early 11-0 lead in the first period, holding the Bucks scoreless for the first six minutes of the game. Grayling didn't allow a Roscommon field goal until the 1:02 mark.

Justin Neuberger finished off the first period scoring for Grayling with a lay-up, following a nice feed from Brad Gorski, putting the score at 21-3 after one quarter.

Grayling continued its dominance with accurate shooting and stifling defense, outscoring Rosco 28-9 in the second period.

Neuberger and Gorski connected on another good play, this time creating a three-point opportunity for Neuberger on a backwards, over-the-head pass from Gorski. Neuberger was fouled on the shot, and hit the free throw to give GHS a 32-8 lead.

Grayling took a 49-12 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Gorski and Neuberger both had excellent first halves offensively, combining for 29 points.

The Vikings started the second half a little out of sync, committing a couple turnovers that led to Rosco points. GHS quickly regained its top form, however, and went on a 17-0 scoring run.

Grayling took a 50 point lead into the final quarter, 68-18.

With the mercy rule in effect, the fourth quarter went by very quickly, since the clock ran continuously without any stoppages for substitutions or fouls.

Grayling used ball control passing to eat up a lot of the fourth quarter clock, and held the Roscommon offense scoreless in the final period.

GHS came away with an impressive 74-18 victory to open the '98-99 season.

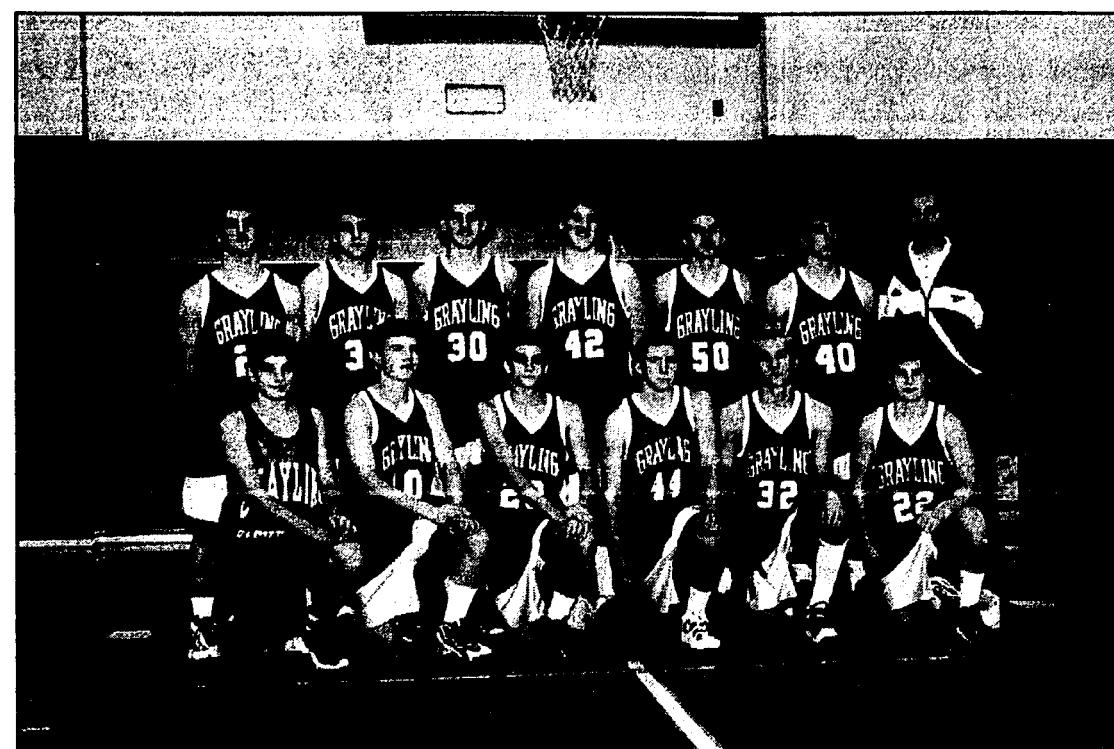
Neuberger led the Grayling scoring with 24 points. Gorski added 16, Ryan Mahaffy scored 12, and Levi Burkett hit for eight points.

The Vikings played their second game of the week on Friday, December 11, losing a tough one to the West Branch Ogemaw Heights Falcons in overtime.

Grayling committed some costly turnovers early in the game, and struggled from the floor. West Branch had a visible height advantage over the Vikings, which it used to its advantage later in the game.

The Falcons started out the game strong, building up a 10-3 lead on the Vikes. With 2:42 remaining in the first period, Gorski hit a three pointer, which began a 19-0 scoring run for Grayling. The Vikings led 20-10 after one quarter of play.

West Branch started fighting back in the second, scoring on high per-



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL -- (front row, left to right) Ryan Swope, Pete Belcher, Ryan Mahaffy, Chris Youngblood, Brad Gorski, Barry McClanahan. (back row, left to right) Justin Neuberger, Marcus Bobenmoyer, Levi Burkett, Dan Mead, Justin Manier, Dave Golnick, Coach Warren (Butch) Hayes. Not pictured: Manager Dan Corwin.

centage jumpers and lay-ups. Grayling played hard down low, fighting for rebounds and trying to fend off the bigger Falcon players.

West Branch had cut Grayling's lead to five at halftime, 28-23.

The Falcons continued to pound away down low and capitalize on their advantage in size, scoring eight unanswered points to take a 33-30 lead.

Grayling got a couple back as the third quarter ticked away, and managed to take a three point lead into the fourth.

The Falcons tied the score at 40-40 mid-way into the fourth quarter, and started to slowly build up a lead. With just 1:27 left in regulation, the Falcons scored a two-point bucket to take a six point lead.

Neuberger answered with a drive to the basket for two to pull Grayling with in four. With 34 seconds left in the fourth, Marcus Bobenmoyer hit a three pointer to bring Grayling within one, 51-52.

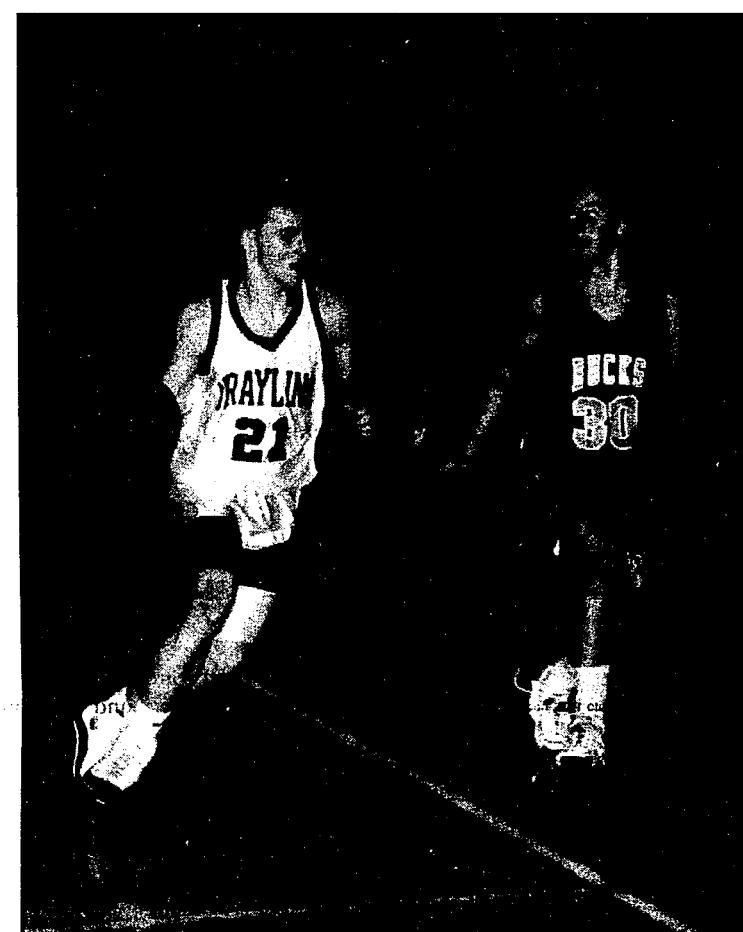
GHS had to foul, and at the 0:23 mark Grayling got the ball back after West Branch missed both free throws. Chris Youngblood gave Grayling a one point lead with a strong move to the hole for two points.

With five seconds left, Grayling was called for a foul on a Falcons inbounds play, sending West Branch to the line for two shots.

The Falcon shooter hit one out of two at the stripe, leaving the score locked at 53-53.

West Branch scored the first basket of the three-minute overtime, and kept a slim lead for the entire period.

The Vikings were forced to foul as the clock ticked away, and West



Photos by Linda Golnick

TAKING IT INSIDE -- Justin Neuberger takes the ball from the perimeter toward the basket.

Branch made enough free throws to keep a lead.

Grayling's last shot from three-point land failed to go in, and GHS lost by a final score of 59-62.

The Vikings will host Tawas on Friday, December 18. The game will start at 6:15 p.m.

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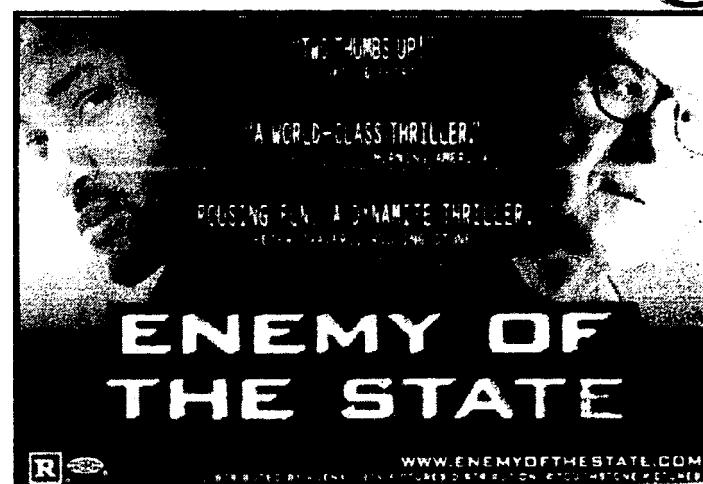
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204; Y. Schreiber, 186; S. Phillips,
182.
High Series Women: S. Phillips,
517; S. Sumner, 487; Y. Schreiber,
472.

Pioneer League

Chemical Bank 34 - 18
Aunt Betty's 34 - 18
Millikin's 30 - 22
Avalanche 30 - 22

Custom Interior

Ginger's 22 - 30
Lady Slippers 18 - 34
Mercy Hospital 14 - 38
High Game: N. Glasslee, 220; T.
Parker, 188; M. Perez, 184.
High Series: N. Glasslee, 549; J.
Hinds, 521; M. Perez, 504.

Recreation League

Gray Rock Cafe 35 - 21
Fun - N - Sun Rental 33 - 23

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Mark 8 29 - 27

Mickey Perez CPA 26 - 30

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Peterson Saw Service 26 - 30

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High Game: A. Mastej, 205; V.
Balmes, 202; M. McClanahan, 187.

High Series: A. Mastej, 528; M.
McClanahan, 502; V. Balmes, 492.

Northwood

Rochette's 41 - 15

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Shady Acres Party Store 28 - 28
Darrell's Roofing 24 - 32
R & M Masonry 22 - 34
Milltown Chiropractic 17 - 39
High Game: V. Nicholls, 193; L.
Dannenberg, 185; M. Starks, 182.
High Series: S. Harney, 514; M.
Starks, 507; T. Jones, 494.

American Men's

Upper Lakes 28 - 14

McLean's Ace 27 - 15

Fenton's Auto 27 - 15

Gaylord Ford 23 - 19

Stitches by Sue 18 - 24

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High Game: L. Helsel, 239; P.
Nunn, 237; J. Lee, 224.

High Series: L. Davis Jr., 597;

Lance Davis, 590; Lonnie Davis,

588.

Triangle

C.S.I. Ind. Sys. 33 - 19

Moshier Auto 28 - 24

Airway Auto 27 - 25

Sumner 21 - 31

Johnson 10 - 42

High Game: T. Coors, 204; C.
Melick, 199; R. Moshier, 189.

High Series: R. Moshier, 531; T.
Coors, 522; J. Golnick, 511.

Sunday Night Mixed

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Men's High Game: R. Pyle, 216; D.
Romain, 199; M. Ashworth, 198.

Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 563; J.
Helsel, 526; J. Dannenberg, 520.

Women's High Game: S. Sumner,
214; L. Dannenberg, 194; M. Starks,
177.

Women's High Series: S. Sumner,
566; L. Dannenberg, 550; S.
Romain, 496.

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Totten's Body Shop 30 - 26

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us 29 - 27

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Buccilli's Pizza 28 - 28

Flowers By Josie 27 - 29

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Stevens Family Circle 23 - 33

Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 194;
H. Ingram, 180; L. Essiambre, 177.

Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 562;
F. Krolkowski, 464; K. Harris, 463.

Women's High Game: R. Joyce,
178; D. Mead, 168; P. Harris, 165.

Women's High Series: R. Joyce,
462; D. Mead, 455; P. Harris, 446.

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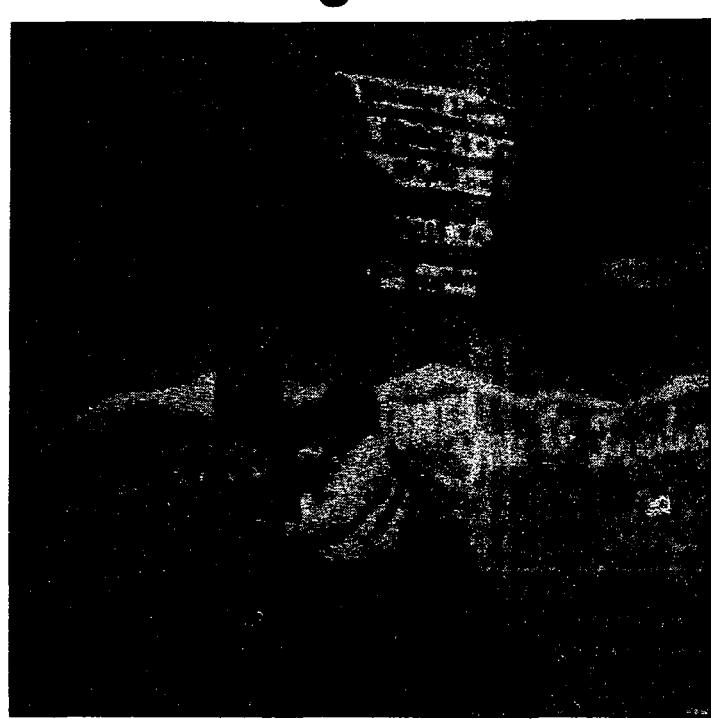
Women's Standings

Sawmill II 97
Plaza 84
Legion 81
Spikes 79
Frederic Inn 67
Sawmill 59
Won all games played: Margo R.
and Melonie R. of Sawmill II.
Six Ball Run: Donna M.

Men's Standings

Tadpoles 112 - 50
Frederic Inn 98 - 64
Legion 82 - 80
Red Barn 78 - 84
Riverside 75 - 87
Frogies 74 - 88
Red Barn II 58 - 86
Plaza 47 - 97
8 Ball Run: Kelly of Tadpoles.
7 Ball Run: Kelly (2) of Tadpoles,
Kevin of Plaza, John of Riverside
and Weasel (2) of
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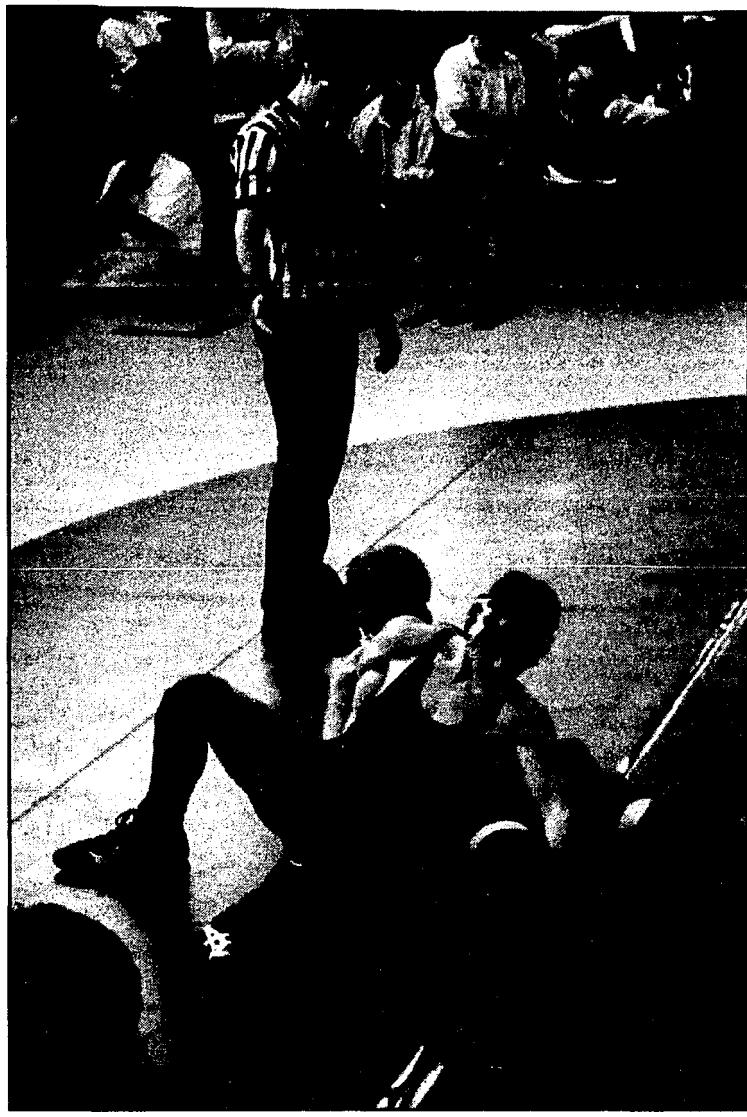
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GHS Wrestling goes to Rogers City, Scottsville Tourney

The Grayling High School Wrestling Team traveled to Rogers City on Thursday, December 10, to take on Petoskey and Rogers City. Matt Evon, Joshua Niederer and Jason Dasho all scored for Grayling.

At the Scottsville Tournament, which was held at Macon County Central, Evan, Niederer, Dasho, Andy Palmer, Larry Baker and Chris Peters scored for Grayling. Evan is undefeated at 12-0.



Photos courtesy of Deb Weaver

KEEP HIM DOWN -- Marc Weaver puts his opponent down and attempts to wrap him up while the ref scores the match.

Snowmobilers will ride again for Michigan Special Olympics

Registration is under way for Winter Tour '99, a snowmobile ride to benefit Michigan Special Olympics.

The ride will be held January 29 at Spicer's Boat City in Houghton Lake.

Snowmobile enthusiasts from around the state and beyond have gathered in Houghton Lake annually in support of Michigan Special Olympics. The monies raised are used in conjunction with funds generated by the Wertz Warriors to pay for the Winter Games to be held in Cedar this coming February.

According to organizer Phillip Spicer, the event has been a success each year. Last year, nearly 180 riders raised more than \$21,000.

"People have been asking me about Winter Tour since July," said Spicer. "It's beginning to have quite a following."

Support for the event from companies such as Arctic Cat, Polaris and Ski Doo allows 100 percent of donations to be forwarded to Michigan Special Olympics.

Winter Tour '99 will kick-off with an optional reception on Thursday, January 28 at the Holiday on the Lake Resort.

The ride departs from Spicer's on Friday, January 29 at 9 a.m. for a tour of about 90 miles.

A hot trailside lunch will be



served at Camp Winter Tour, and the ride concludes with a banquet and awards presentation. All participants receive a commemorative hat.

Advanced registration is required and snowmobilers are encouraged to register early as Winter Tour '99 is limited to 200 riders.

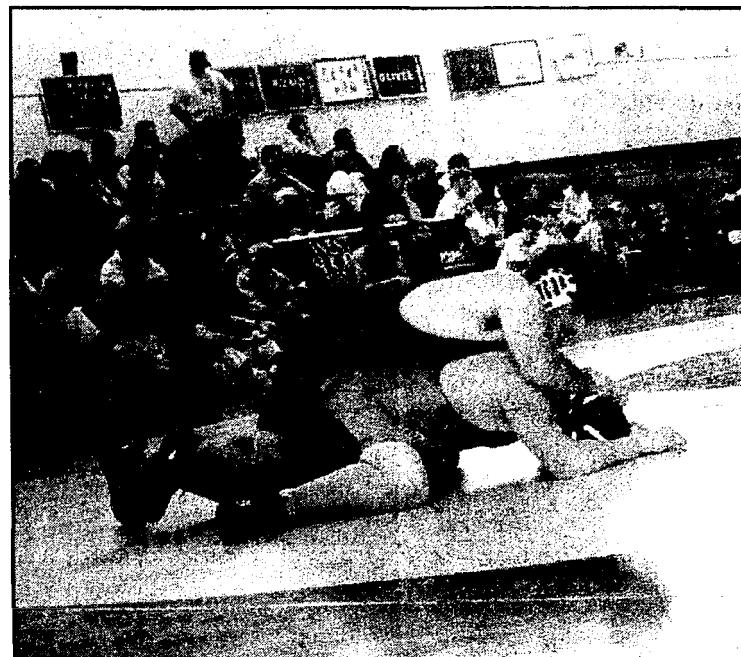
Snowmobilers are asked to make a donation of at least \$50 per person. Contributors, who will be recognized during the tour, are also being sought to make donations in the following amounts: \$100 Silver Sponsors; \$200 Gold Sponsors; \$500 Platinum Sponsors. One-hundred percent of contributions raised are donated to Michigan Special Olympics.

A 10-foot covered R & R trailer is being raffled off as part of the event, too. Tickets are \$10 each and only 500 will be sold.

For information about Winter Tour '99, or to buy raffle tickets, call Spicer's Boat City at (517) 366-8400.

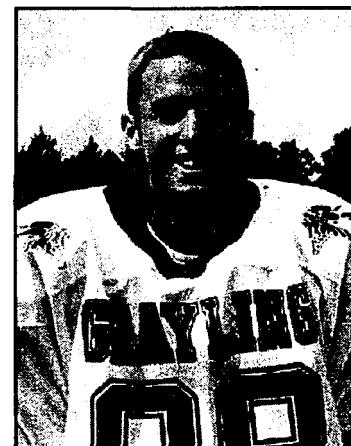


AWARD -- Matt Evon receives the tournament brackets for his weight class after finishing in first place. Evon has a 12-0 record this season.



CLOSE UP OF THE MAT -- Chris Peters drives his opponent's face into the mat.

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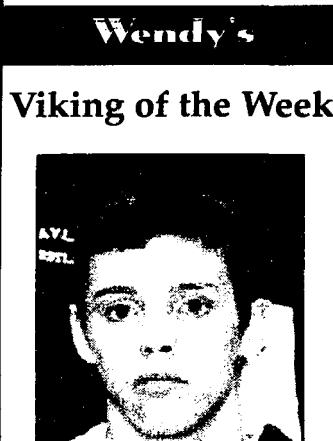
Nate Hinkle

Nate Hinkle, a junior at Grayling High School, was recently named as an All-State Honorable Mention by the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News for football at the position of wide receiver.

Hinkle was also honored by the Bay City Times, which named him to its all-area "Dream Team."

Hinkle is the son of Doug and Mary Hinkle of Grayling.

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The 1999 Grayling Council Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, November 21, 1998, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling.

Thirteen students competed in Division I and one student competed in Division II. Many parents and students made this year's Council-level spelling bee a success.

Amanda Scott, a student at Roscommon Middle School, took top honors, while Amanda Newberry, a student at Frederic Elementary School, was first runner-up. Jill Seager, a home schooler, was second runner-up and Jenna Frankowski, a student at Grayling Elementary School, was third runner-up.

All four winners advanced to the Diocesan Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in Gaylord, which took place on December 6. Amanda Newberry took third place

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TOP SPELLERS — (Above) Top winners in Division I of the 1999 Grayling Council Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, held on November 21, 1998 were Amanda Newberry, Amanda Scott, Jill Seager, Jenna Frankowski. (Below) Top winner in Division II was Matt Seager. All of the winners went on to compete at the Diocesan Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee in Gaylord, December 6.

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overall and was chosen alternate behind Laura Godik and Sarah Castle, both of Gaylord.

Godik and Castle will represent the Gaylord Diocese at the State Spelling Bee in January.

Home schooler, Matt Seager, took top honors in the Division II

Council Spelling Bee held in Grayling. He advanced to the Diocesan level, where he competed against top spellers. Blair Hayes and AJ Davis, students at Gaylord Middle School, won the Diocesan bee and will advance to the State Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee.

Glen's Markets gets new President

Gaylord — Glen A. Catt of Glen's Markets announced the promotion of his son, Glen B. Catt, to the post of President and Chief Operating Officer for the 26-store retail supermarket chain located in northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Glen B. Catt is the third generation "Glen" at the helm of the company founded by his grandfather, C. Glen Catt in 1951.

Beginning his career in 1981, Glen B. has moved through the ranks of department manager, store manager,

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In addition, Eric Buckleitner, Senior Vice President/CFO, will now report to him, as well.

Glen A. Catt will retain the title of Chief Executive Officer and assume the title of chairman.

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3. Atlanta
4. Green Bay
5. Indianapolis
6. NY Giants
7. St. Louis
8. Buffalo
9. Tampa Bay (19)
10. Tennessee
11. Washington
12. Seattle
13. Kansas City
14. Minnesota
15. NY Jets
16. Georgia Southern
17. Massachusetts
18. N.W. Missouri St. (30)
19. Mount Union
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GMS Students of the Month for November



Photo by Linda Golnick

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for November are: Front row, from left – Megan Russell, Gary Feeney, Roger Burnett, Chelsea Green, Rachel Brunell; Second row, from left – Angela Ly, Samantha Collin, Becky Ramaswamy, Adam Malone, Casey Mahaffy, Sarah Dedafoe, Karen Poll; Third row, from left – Maggie Mahaney, Tyler Cragg, Sally Smock, Michelle Belcher, Skylynn Palmer, Matt Cottrell, Bryan Gorman, Joe Lange; Fourth row, from left – Nicole Doremire, J.B. Quintano, Shawn Byard, Danielle Fedak, Andy Strohpaul, Jennifer Millar, Tracy Austin, Chris Riggs; Fifth row, from left – Bonnie Mahaney, Gail Hillicker, Dustin Ellis, Laura Gorski, Becky Flaherty, Sarah Starks, Chris Cragg, Shane Ferrell. Not Shown - Nicole Persing. The students were rewarded for their good citizenship with a pizza party on November 30.

LEGAL ACTION

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS 1999 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW ON SALE

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW FEES ARE IN EFFECT

1999 CRAWFORD COUNTY DOG LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE
THE FEES ARE \$10.00 FOR MALE AND FEMALE DOGS
THE FEES ARE \$6.00 SPAYED FEMALES AND NEUTERED MALES
THE FEE FOR A KENNEL LICENSE IS \$25.00

YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF NEUTERING OR SPAYING

A valid rabies vaccination certificate must be presented before you can purchase your dog license.

Licenses may be purchased beginning 12/18/98 at the Crawford County Treasurers Office, The Crawford County Animal Shelter, and the Grayling Hospital For Animals.

From 12/18/98 until March 1st. You may also purchase your license at The Lovells Township Hall, South Branch Township Hall, Beaver Creek Township Hall and The Frederic Township Hall. After March 1st license will no longer be available at these places.

License may be purchased by mail from the Crawford County Treasurers Office only. Send check or money order and valid proof of current vaccination and spaying of neutering certificate if applicable.

BEGINNING MARCH FIRST LICENSE FEES WILL DOUBLE.

MALE AND FEMALE DOGS WILL BE \$20.00
SPAYED OR NEUTERED DOGS WILL BE \$12.00
KENNEL LICENSES WILL BE \$50.00

County of Crawford
Treasurers Office
Joseph V. Wakeley

-17-24-31

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEET- ING December 9, 1998

Amendment No. 12-C: Section IV: Part A
Section IV: Part B

Cemetery Ordinance No. 12, Section IV Part A: Which Read...

Each adult burial space shall cost the sum of \$50.00.

Amendment 12-C to Section IV, Part A Now Reads...

Each burial space shall cost the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

Cemetery Ordinance No. 12, Section IV Part B: Which Read...

Each burial space for infants or stillbirths, where located in an area especially set aside for such burials, shall cost an amount decided at the discretion of the residing Maple Forest Township Board.

Amendment 12-C to Section IV Part B: Part B is hereby deleted from the Ordinance.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

The foregoing Amendment Ordinance No. 12-C-1998 to amend Cemetery Ordinance No. 12-1986 was duly adopted and passed by the Township Board of Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan on the 8th day of December, 1998 by the following vote:

Yes 5 No 0 Absent 0

I further certify that the foregoing Ordinance was published in the Crawford County Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation, in the above township on the 17th day of December, 1998.

This Ordinance takes effect on January 17, 1999.

Susan Keene
Township Clerk

BOARD POSITION OPENING CRAWFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for an open position with the Crawford County Economic Development Fund Committee. Members of this board review and award loans to small businesses through the economic development fund. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford County resident, may have a banking/loan institute background and the general knowledge of improving small businesses in Crawford County. Deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, December 30, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. Applications may be sought from Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

-17-23

tion of same is also required for these changed to take effect.

4. Motion by Nunn, second by O'Mara, to re-appoint Ken Richle and Barbara Hebekeuser to the Grayling Township Board of Review. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Nunn, second by O'Mara to appoint Ronald Fiebelkorn to the Grayling Township Board of Review. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Nunn, supported by Annis, to table Sheriff Department Proposal for C.O.P.S. Grant to the January 13, 1999 Township Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to amend resolution adopted July 14, 1998, approving an application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Northern Pure Ice, Inc. by adding 12 years as the length of the exemption. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Consensus of the Board to schedule an open house at the Township Hall for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners soon after their first January meeting.

8. Motion by O'Mara, second by Nunn, to authorize Township Board members to attend M.T.A. Annual Conference, Jan. 19-22, 1999. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Nunn, second by Ashton, to waive Planning Commission fees to bring Animal Shelter Cond. Use request (adjacent to the Fairgrounds) and Industrial Development Committee request to amend buffer zones in PC and PI districts to public hearings. All ayes, motion carried.

10. Building Inspectors monthly report was reviewed and placed on file.

11. Motion by Nunn, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 20098-20099, 20186, 20193-20223, Guardian Dental \$511.45, Various Board and Comm. fees \$420, Liquor Inspections \$90 for a grant total of \$27,023.47. ayes; five, nays; none, motion carried.

12. Motion by O'Mara, carried, to adjourn (10:40 p.m.)

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 1998

The Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hartman at 9:09 a.m. in the County Building on November 24, 1998.

Roll Call: Hartman, Smock, Long, Black, Corlews and Bretzke - present. Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - present.

There were also other visitors present.

Approved the amended minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 10, 1998 as presented.

Approved the Ways & Means Committee Report and payment of the following vouchers: General Fund Balance in the amount of \$43,072.78 and Environmental Control Fund in the amount of \$226.24. Commissioners Per Diem: Commissioner Black - \$64.00 Per Diem and \$15.34 Mileage; Commissioner Bretzke - \$128.00 Per Diem and \$74.34 Mileage; Commissioner Corlews - \$148.00 Per Diem and no Mileage; Commissioner Hartman - \$64.00 Per Diem and \$34.40 Mileage; Commissioner Long - \$128.00 Per Diem and no Mileage; Commissioner Smock \$138.00 Per Diem and no Mileage.

Accepted the Correspondence as presented.

Advised the Housing Commission their Annual Report was appreciated and under review by the County Board.

Accepted the Resignation of Harold Golnick from the Jury Board.

Authorized expenditures in the amount of \$360.00 for the Michigan Association of Counties and Michigan State University Extension New Commissioner training on December 14, 1998 from 9:30 to 4:00 p.m. To allow the six County Commissioners, Clerk and Controller to attend.

Amended the budget and remove \$360.00

from the contingency line item, and allocate \$270.00 towards Commissioner travel line item, \$45.00 towards County Clerk travel line item and \$45.00 towards the County Controller travel line item.

Agreed to enter into the 08/99 County Child Care Fund Plan and Budget Summary to ensure 50% State reimbursement for Basic Grant expenditures.

Agreed to enter into the 46th Circuit Trial Court/County of Crawford for the community Liaison Officer Position until September 30, 1999.

Tabled the motion to enter into the County Friend of the Court/Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement contract Resolution with the Family Independence Agency ending September 30, 1999, to seek additional information until later in the meeting.

Moved to direct the Building and Zoning Director to waive all fees associated with the replacement roof at the Courthouse Annex.

Adopted the 1998-1999 General Appropriation Act and Budget as submitted by the County Treasurer.

Adopted the Special Revenue and Debt Service Fund budgets.

Moved to appoint Beaver Creek resident Sharon Hartman as the Library Board Appointment until October 31, 2003.

Moved to add the removal language to the Building Authority By-Laws as requested by the Building Authority.

Accepted to remove from the table the motion to enter into the 1999 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract.

Entered into the County Friend of the Court/Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Contract Resolution with the Family Independence Agency ending September 30, 1999.

Moved to direct the Clerk to advertise for two weeks for a Road Commission Appointment and set the matter up for action on the December 8, 1998 meeting agenda.

Moved to authorize closure of the Building, Wednesday, December 23, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. to hold the annual Christmas party. The Building will remain open during the lunch hour.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by William D. Shearer, Jr., an unmarried man, of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated August 22, 1997, and recorded on September 2, 1997, Liber 436, Pages 556-562 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to First National Bank of Michigan, a National Banking Association, whose address is 241 E. Saginaw, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 14, 1997, and recorded on November 7, 1997, with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 441, Page 242, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$15,904.35) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made

and provided, on January 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel "A": Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 19; thence no degrees 26'50" E (along the section line) 1127.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 88 degrees 34' 30" W 1476.76 feet; thence N 4 degrees 41' 14" E 1547.28 feet; thence S 88 degrees 36' E 55.2 feet thence no degrees 28' 20" W 1335.8 feet; thence S 88 degrees 34' 30" E 1308.67 feet; thence S 0 degrees 26' 50" W 209 feet to the point of beginning.

which has an address of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 (a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

First National Bank of Michigan

241 E. Saginaw

East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Dated: November 30, 1998

Drafted By:

WILLIAM M. AZKOUL (P40071)

ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE

161 OTTAWA, N.W., STE. 111-A

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

(616) 458-1315

-10-17-24-31

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Publication of Notice Of Hearing

File No. 98-4645-CH(D)

MARIAN GRAHAM and GERALD GRAHAM, Plaintiffs,

vs

THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker,

Defendant.

MONTE BURMEISTER P48732

BLOOMQUIST & ASSOCIATES

Attorney for Plaintiffs

306 State St., P.O. Box 708,

Grayling MI 49738

(517) 348-6141

ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 4 day of Sept., 1998.

PRESENT: HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

THE COURT having considered the Plaintiff's Motion for Alternative Service, and being persuaded of the necessity for Alternative Service, NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant in this matter, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER, and the heirs and decedents of FREDERICK L. BARKER, are hereby to be served by Notice through publication in the Crawford County Avalanche. Said publication shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANT, THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker are included within this notice.

1. You are being sued under a COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE within the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan;

2. THAT an ANSWER needs to be filed within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rules must be taken.

3. THAT a failure to ANSWER or to take other action will result in a default and

default judgement being enforced against the Defendant. **THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BARKER and the Heirs and Decedents of Frederick L. Barker.**

4. Plaintiff shall also post a notice and one subject property for the same three weeks prior.

Dated 9/03/98
HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

-10-17-24

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William W. Witt and Mary H. Witt his wife (original mortgagors to Citizens Bank & Co. Grayling State Bank, Mortgagor, dated May 19, 1995, and recorded on May 25, 1995 in Liber 394, on Page 235, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Eighteen and 36/100 dollars (\$25,018.36), including interest at 10.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on January 6, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 10.01 acres of the South 70.07 acres of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated November 26, 1998
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(248) 642-4202
Trott and Trott, P.C.

Attorneys for Citizens Bank:

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File #981110704

Property Address

514 Headquarters Road

Grayling, MI 49738

--25-3-10-17-24

Notice of Mortgage Sale

To the Owner or Owners of any and all Interest in, or Liens upon the Lands herein described:

Take notice, that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the Treasurer of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with 50% additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service plus cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon service of a Summons upon commencement of an Action, and without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

Land and premises situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan.

Description of lands.

Lot # 15 Northern Heights - Warblers

Hideaway Association

Property tax code 010-14-400-00-015-00

Sonja Dee (Roach) Eddy - last known

address 6334 Thornapple Lake Road Lot #40 Nashville, MI 49738.

Amount necessary to redeem \$33,000 plus fees of the Sheriff and cost of publication.

Persons shown above are last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the Register of Deeds office of said County, or holders of unrecorded Quit Claim Deeds to the land described above.

Warblers Hideaway Association tax deader holder - Valerie Johnston Treasurer, 2704 Lovells Rd. Grayling, MI 49738

-25-3-10-17

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE

Independent Probate

File No. 96-5619-IE

Estate of Bernard James Bourrie. 367-22-8839.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 744 S. Roberts Road, Grayling, MI 49738 died October 6, 1996. An instrument dated August 28, 1995 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Kathleen A. Bourrie, P.O. Box 116, Grayling, MI 49738 or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids on the following used equipment at their office, 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648 Grayling, Michigan 49738, prior to 10 A.M. on Monday, December 21, 1998, with bids to be opened at the regular Board meeting on December 23, 1998.

Items can be viewed at The Road Commission For Crawford County Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 2:30 PM Contact person: Jeff McClain

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For The Week Of December 20-26**ARIES**
March 21-April 20

You need some excitement in your life! Once the holidays pass, things will slow down and get quiet again. Why not plan a getaway with someone special—like a friend or family member? It will be a great start to the new year and will give you a better outlook on life!

TAURUS
April 21-May 21

You may not be feeling very creative this week. Don't put extra pressure on yourself. Take a break to refresh your outlook on life. Make sure a business plan is lucrative before you invest or get in too deep. Be up front with potential partners about your concerns.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21

You may have spread yourself too thin, but it's very important that you honor your word. If you don't, it could lead to a big disappointment. Don't rely on hearsay—check it out for yourself. Take a weekend off and get away from your usual surroundings.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

Step up and share your ideas with your boss. You'll really impress him/her with your evaluations and solutions. Your workload will not necessarily slow down when the holidays pass. Realize now that with the new year, you will be putting in extra time at work.

LEO
July 23-August 23

Is your partner pressuring you about work? Stand up for yourself. Maybe you are spending too much time away from home. Explore your reasons. You may just be surprised at yourself when you find out why you're really spending so much time at the office.

VIRGO
August 24-September 22

If you're feeling blue this week, turn to a close friend or family member. That person has an idea on the right cure for your blue mood. One thing that could help—giving your living space a new look. Set aside some money and redecorate to your heart's content.

LIBRA
September 23-October 23

Consider taking a trip to spend time with friends as a holiday celebration. Be spontaneous with your plans when you arrive. Keep communication open in your family. You'll see how important communication and clear thinking are as the week comes to a close.

SCORPIO
October 24-November 22

The pressure has been building at work. But your body can only take so much. Maybe it's time to consider getting away for a couple days. It will do your mind and your body good. You might find that your partner has been feeling the same way.

SAGITTARIUS
November 23-December 21

You can either listen to reason or listen to your heart this week. Before you decide which way to go, try to figure out a way to reconcile the two. If you pull it off, the outcome will be better than you've ever dreamed. Don't blow your budget in one place.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 20

You may want to try a softer approach with people. It could prove a lot more effective at work and at home. Be very clear with any requests at work this week. Back up a request for a raise with facts. It could be a good week for you to answer "help wanted" ads.

AQUARIUS
January 21-February 18

If your budget is too stretched because of the holidays, look for other ways to cut expenses. For instance, carpool with a friend or coworker. Don't let your creative ideas become distorted by everyone else's opinions. Stand up for your ideas with good reasoning.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Your family may not agree with your plans. Don't get discouraged, you know you're doing the right thing. Responsibilities are piling up, but you shouldn't let that discourage you. Someone isn't all that he/she seems, so don't be overly impressed.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO
December 18, 1975

A fire of undetermined origin hit the AuSable Woodworking plant in Frederic at about 9:00 a.m. Friday destroying three buildings of the plant. The blaze broke out in the lacquer room at the rear of the plant, according to Gene Kaiser, vice-president of the company. Two people, Gene Harmer and Lavonda Wilson, were at work in the room when the lacquer exploded into flame. Both were able to escape uninjured, Kaiser said. The loss was estimated at nearly \$250,000, which included besides the lacquer building, storage of finished products for spring delivery and also raw material being processed.

The Grayling Post 106, American Legion will hold their 30th annual Christmas party for Crawford County children on Thursday, December 18th. From Our Corner, Whitey Madsen writes: "An ironic twist of fate enveloped Crawford County in the past week with the decision of the Bear Archery employees voting on a possible strike January 1st, - followed by the fire at the AuSable Woodworking Co last Friday in Frederic. With economy that we are facing today - neither of these two were needed for our county's survival.

An advertisement paid for by Concerned Employees of Bear Archery states: "Some plain talk apparently needs to be done to our neighbors in the Grayling area who have heard about the pending strike at Bear Archery and don't know quite what's happening. Fact of the matter is that Bear Archery's annual payroll in Grayling is \$5,500,000. That's right, 5 1/2 million, that works out to over \$100,000 a week. And the average hourly wage at Bear is \$4.19 plus another \$1.41 an hour in fringe benefits. This \$5,500,000 turns over six times while it is in Grayling. So this means that the person that works at Bear Archery provides money for several other people in town to survive on the form of purchases or payments for services received. It kind of makes

you stop and think about the possible consequences of a strike here in our small community doesn't it? Some of us think that an NLRB election should be tried first."

46 YEARS AGO
December 18, 1952

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Fenton and children and Mrs. Glen Fenton and girls expect to leave Monday to spend the Christmas holidays in Lincoln, Kansas.

Richard Owen visited his brother, Charles Owen and family here while on furlough last week.

Bessie and Dora Feldhauser spent the weekend in Mt. Pleasant visiting their sister, Mrs. Ed Reihl.

The William Golnick's have purchased the former Babbitt house at the corner of Ogemaw and Plum Streets from the Richard Bielski's and are in the process of moving in.

The Richard Snyders of Bay City spent Sunday with Mrs. Oscar Hanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven spent several days in Lansing last week visiting their daughter and family, the Larry Frymires. The Frymires are to arrive Sunday to spend Christmas week.

Mike Harmer enjoyed his 6th birthday Saturday, December 13. Lots of friends, many gifts and a nice birthday cake baked by Mrs. Kate Harmer his grandmother.

Max and Bea Tobin are really enjoying their Florida trip and expect to say hello to their friends around the 21.

69 YEARS AGO
December 19, 1929

Charles W. Montrose of Detroit, director of Montrose Motion Picture Production is in Grayling and at present is engaged in the photography of locations which will be followed by the production of 24 two-reel motion pictures, which depict northern life.

Fred Welsh and Emil Giegling were in Bay City on business Wednesday. They report icy roads south of West Branch and blizzard weather.

Chris Hoesli and Carl Handson are each driving international trucks.

Miss Margaret Cassidy of Grand Rapids is visiting her parents, Mr. and

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

VIRGINIA CLAM CORN CHOWDER

1 qt. whole fresh shucked clams or 2 (7oz.) cans minced clams

Water as needed

3 slices bacon, chopped

1 cup onion, chopped

2 cups raw potatoes, diced

1 1/2 cups whole-kernel corn, drained

3 cups milk

2 tbsp. flour

1 tbsp. butter or margarine

1 tsp. celery salt

1 tsp. salt, dash of pepper

1/2 cup coarse cracker crumbs (optional)

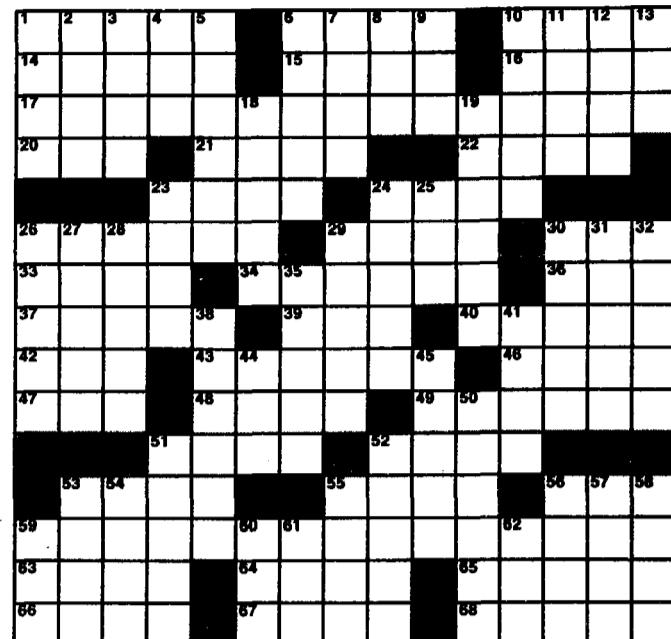
Chop whole clams or drain canned clams. Reserve liq-

uid. Pour clam liquid into measuring cup and add water as needed to fill to 1 cup level. In a large pot, fry bacon until crisp; add onion and cook until tender. Add potatoes, clam liquid, and water. Cover; simmering gently until potatoes are tender. Add corn and milk. Blend flour and butter or margarine and stir into soup. Cook slowly until mixture thickens slightly, stirring constantly. Add seasoning and clams; simmer 5 minutes. Top with cracker crumbs. Serve hot. Can be reheated.



HOME NEEDED — Blue Merle Australian Shepard, female, seems to be housebroken. Smaller dog, 1 year old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

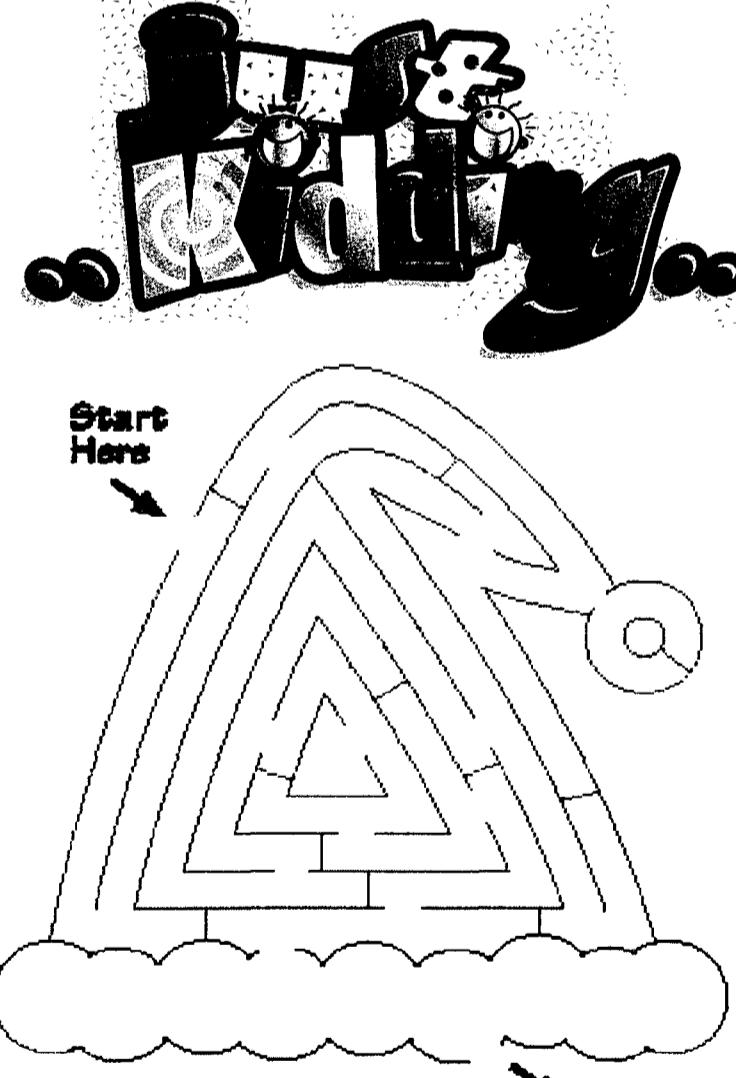
CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- Hindu holy man
- New England river
- American Bar Association members: abbr.
- Postponing or delaying
- Severe intestinal obstruction
- Min.
- Take heed
- Sleek canine
- The goddess of death
- A very thin and flexible sheet of metal (as in "aluminum")
- Bodies of water partly enclosed by land, but opening out to the sea
- Tans
- Six (Spanish)
- Marketing
- Plant or juice fluids
- British Broadcasting Corporation: abbr.
- Settled down
- Cigar
- Macaw
- Metal containers for storing valuables
- Ukulele: shortened form
- Absorption unit
- Explosive
- Stationeries
- Flat, glass section of a window
- Advertisements: shortened form
- Cuckoos
- Makes laugh
- Long-billed wading birds
- Fully indulge or satisfy (as in an appetite)
- More wise
- Prefix meaning on or above
- Member of Jamaican religion
- African antelope
- Strains, as in parties
- Lordship's jurisdictions
- Rum cakes
- Water saturated with salt
- Walking sticks
- Tent
- More merciful
- Type genus
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- wrap, clear packaging film
- Elements mined from ores
- Master of ceremonies
- Get up
- Sketch
- Any thick, messy substance
- Parent-Teachers Associations: abbr.
- Appendage
- Native American California people
- Small, annoying insect
- Payment: abbr.
- American Bankers Association: abbr.
- An easy victim: slang
- The Boston ____ Party

DOWN

- Exhale showing sorrow or relief
- Fragrant herb
- Small wooded hollow
- Department of Housing and Urban Development: abbr.
- Beneficial
- Female Indian garments
- Cain's brother
- Narrow, stretched canvas bed
- Bobby ___, NHL champ
- Regions
- A group of animals or birds
- Experts
- Sanskrit: abbr.
- The fifth hour, about 3 p.m.

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

Date	High	Low	Rain
12/9	37	22	
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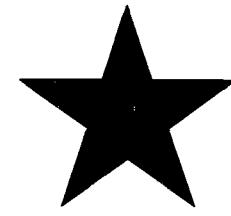
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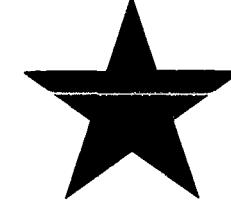


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can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

CHECK OUT THIS NEW listing

with low money down land contract terms!!! Three bedroom, great location, wooded one acre, close to shopping, skiing and employment. Call Shirley Furstnau at Wildwood Properties today at (517) 821-8870 to make your appointment for viewing. Priced at \$59,900 MLS# 8-4268. (-17-23-31-1)

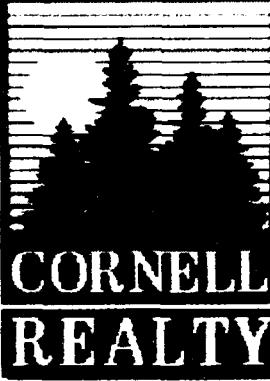
FOR SALE BY OWNER Newly remodeled two bedroom house with attached two plus car garage, on one acre in country, two miles north of Higgins Lake, Crawford AuSable Schools, \$59,900. (517) 275-4126 (-17-24-31-7/1)

2. For Rent

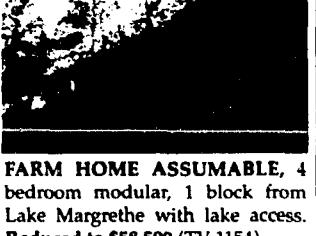
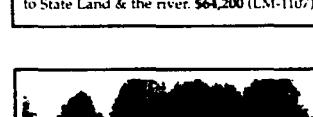
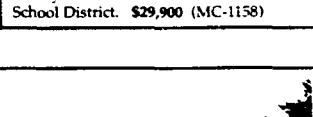
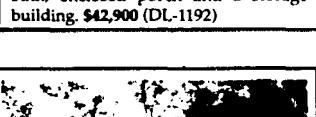
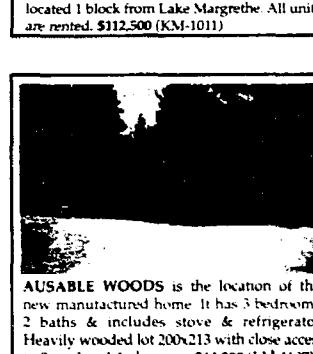
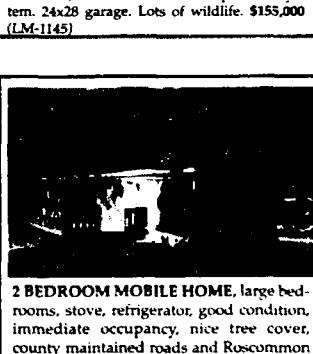
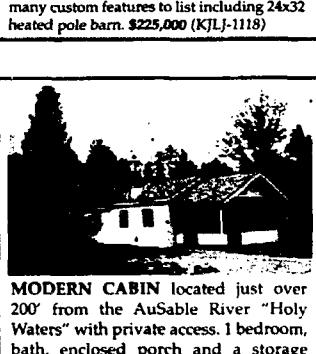
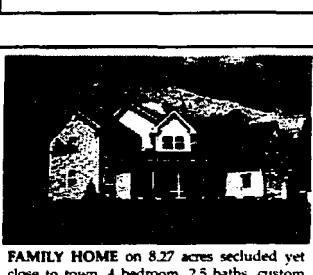
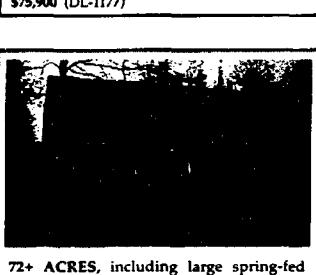
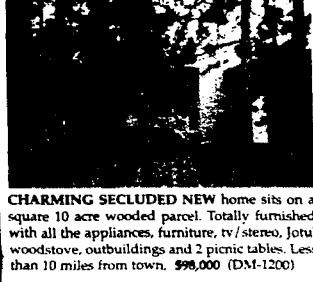
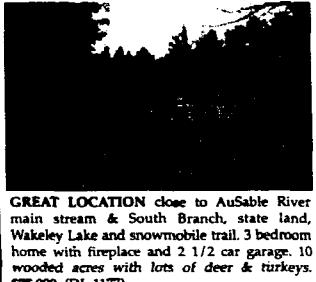
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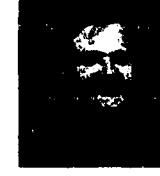
GREAT LOCATION CLOSE TO TOWN. Newly remodeled 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths has 1,146 sq. ft., sunroom, open dining, living room combination. Natural gas forced air heat, crawl space. New carpet, fresh paint and paper throughout. Adjoins state land. Immediate occupancy. \$69,900 CS-845



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For The Week Of December 20-26**ARIES****March 21-April 20**

You need some excitement in your life! Once the holidays pass, things will slow down and get quiet again. Why not plan a getaway with someone special—like a friend or family member? It will be a great start to the new year and will give you a better outlook on life!

TAURUS**April 21-May 21**

You may not be feeling very creative this week. Don't put extra pressure on yourself. Take a break to refresh your outlook on life. Make sure a business plan is lucrative before you invest or get in too deep. Be up front with potential partners about your concerns.

GEMINI**May 22-June 21**

You may have spread yourself too thin, but it's very important that you honor your word. If you don't, it could lead to a big disappointment. Don't rely on hearsay—check it out for yourself. Take a weekend off and get away from your usual surroundings.

CANCER**June 22-July 22**

Step up and share your ideas with your boss. You'll really impress him/her with your evaluations and solutions. Your workload will not necessarily slow down when the holidays pass. Realize now that with the new year, you will be putting in extra time at work.

LEO**July 23-August 23**

Is your partner pressuring you about work? Stand up for yourself. Maybe you are spending too much time away from home. Explore your reasons. You may just be surprised at yourself when you find out why you're really spending so much time at the office.

VIRGO**August 24-September 22**

If you're feeling blue this week, turn to a close friend or family member. That person has an idea on the right cure for your blue mood. One thing that could help—giving your living space a new look. Set aside some money and redecorate to your heart's content.

For Entertainment Purposes Only**LIBRA****September 23-October 23**

Consider taking a trip to spend time with friends as a holiday celebration. Be spontaneous with your plans when you arrive. Keep communication open in your family. You'll see how important communication and clear thinking are as the week comes to a close.

SCORPIO**October 24-November 22**

The pressure has been building at work. But your body can only take so much. Maybe it's time to consider getting away for a couple days. It will do your mind and your body good. You might find that your partner has been feeling the same way.

SAGITTARIUS**November 23-December 21**

You can either listen to reason or listen to your heart this week. Before you decide which way to go, try to figure out a way to reconcile the two. If you pull it off, the outcome will be better than you've ever dreamed. Don't blow your budget in one place.

CAPRICORN**December 22-January 20**

You may want to try a softer approach with people. It could prove a lot more effective at work and at home. Be very clear with any requests at work this week. Back up a request for a raise with facts. It could be a good week for you to answer "help wanted" ads.

AQUARIUS**January 21-February 18**

If your budget is too stretched because of the holidays, look for other ways to cut expenses. For instance, carpool with a friend or coworker. Don't let your creative ideas become distorted by everyone else's opinions. Stand up for your ideas with good reasoning.

PISCES**February 19-March 20**

Your family may not agree with your plans. Don't get discouraged, you know you're doing the right thing. Responsibilities are piling up, but you shouldn't let that discourage you. Someone isn't all that he/she seems, so don't be overly impressed.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

VIRGINIA CLAM CORN CHOWDER

1 qt. whole fresh shucked clams or 2 (7oz.) cans minced clams

Water as needed

3 slices bacon, chopped

1 cup onion, chopped

2 cups raw potatoes, diced

1 1/2 cups whole-kernel corn, drained

3 cups milk

2 tbsp. flour

1 tbsp. butter or margarine

1 tsp. celery salt

1 tsp salt, dash of pepper

1/2 cup coarse cracker crumbs (optional)

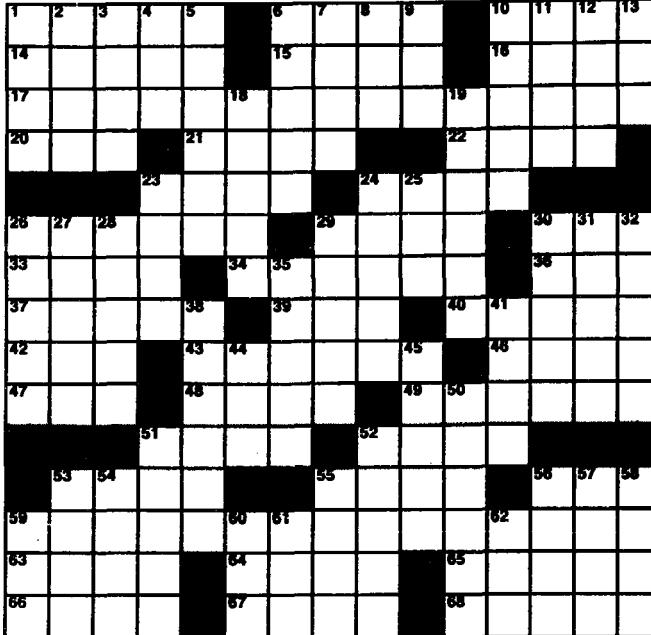
Chop whole clams or drain canned clams. Reserve liq-

uid. Pour clam liquid into measuring cup and add water as needed to fill to 1 cup level. In a large pot, fry bacon until crisp; add onion and cook until tender. Add potatoes, clam liquid, and water. Cover; simmering gently until potatoes are tender. Add corn and milk. Blend flour and butter or margarine and stir into soup. Cook slowly until mixture thickens slightly, stirring constantly. Add seasoning and clams; simmer 5 minutes. Top with cracker crumbs. Serve hot. Can be reheated.



HOME NEEDED — Blue Merle Australian Shepard, female, seems to be housebroken. Smaller dog, 1 year old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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**ACROSS**

- Hindu holy man
- New England river
- American Bar Association members: abbr.
- Postponing or delaying
- Severe intestinal obstruction
- Mir
- Take heed
- Sleek canine
- The goddess of death
- A very thin and flexible sheet of metal (as in "aluminum")
- Bodies of water partly enclosed by land, but opening out to the sea
- Tans
- Six (Spanish)
- Marketing
- Plant or juice fluids
- British Broadcasting Corporation: abbr.
- Settled down
- Cigar
- Macaw
- Metal containers for storing valuables
- Ukulele: shortened form
- Absorption unit
- Explosive
- Stationeries
- Flat, glass section of a window
- Advertisements: shortened form
- Cuckoos
- Makes laugh
- The Red, viking
- Rounded roof
- Can
- Liquid Propane Gas: abbr.
- Long-billed wading birds
- Fully indulge or satisfy (as in an appetite)
- More wise
- Prefix meaning on or above
- Member of Jamaican religion
- African antelope
- Strains, as in parties
- Lordship's jurisdictions
- Rum cakes
- Water saturated with salt
- Walking sticks
- Tent
- More merciful
- Type genus
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- wrap, clear packaging film
- Elements minded from ores
- Master of ceremonies
- Get up
- Sketch
- Any thick, messy substance
- Parent-Teachers Associations: abbr.
- Appendage
- Native American California people
- Small, annoying insect
- Payment: abbr.
- American Bankers Association: abbr.
- An easy victim: slang
- The Boston Party

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO**December 18, 1975**

A fire of undetermined origin hit the AuSable Woodworking plant in Frederic at about 9:00 a.m. Friday destroying three buildings of the plant. The blaze broke out in the lacquer room at the rear of the plant, according to Gene Kaiser, vice-president of the company. Two people, Gene Harmer and Lavonda Wilson, were at work in the room when the lacquer exploded into flame. Both were able to escape uninjured, Kaiser said. The loss was estimated at nearly \$250,000, which included besides the lacquer building, storage of finished products for spring delivery and also raw material being processed.

The Grayling Post 106, American Legion will hold their 30th annual Christmas party for Crawford County children on Thursday, December 18th.

From Our Corner, Whitey Madsen writes: "An ironic twist of fate enveloped Crawford County in the past week with the decision of the Bear Archery employees voting on a possible strike January 1st, - followed by the fire at the AuSable Woodworking Co last Friday in Frederic. With economy that we are facing today - neither of these two were needed for our county's survival.

An advertisement paid for by Concerned Employees of Bear Archery states: "Some plain talk apparently needs to be done to our neighbors in the Grayling area who have heard about the pending strike at Bear Archery and don't know quite what's happening. Fact of the matter is that Bear Archery's annual payroll in Grayling is \$5,500,000. That's right, 5 1/2 million, that works out to over \$100,000 a week. And the average hourly wage at Bear is \$4.19 plus another \$1.41 an hour in fringe benefits. This \$5,500,000 turns over six times while it is in Grayling. So this means that the person that works at Bear Archery provides money for several other people in town to survive on the form of purchases or payments for services received. It kind of makes

you stop and think about the possible consequences of a strike here in our small community doesn't it? Some of us think that an NLRB election should be tried first."

46 YEARS AGO**December 18, 1952**

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Fenton and children and Mrs. Glen Fenton and girls expect to leave Monday to spend the Christmas holidays in Lincoln, Kansas.

Richard Owen visited his brother, Charles Owen and family here while on furlough last week.

Bessie and Dora Feldhauser spent the weekend in Mt. Pleasant visiting their sister, Mrs. Ed Reihl.

The William Gholnick have purchased the former Babbitt house at the corner of Ogemaw and Plum Streets from the Richard Bielski's and are in the process of moving in.

The Richard Snyders of Bay City spent Sunday with Mrs. Oscar Hanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven spent several days in Lansing last week visiting their daughter and family, the Larry Frymires. The Frymires are to arrive Sunday to spend Christmas week.

Mike Harmer enjoyed his 6th birthday Saturday, December 13. Lots of friends, many gifts and a nice birthday cake baked by Mrs. Kate Harmer his grandmother.

Max and Bea Tobin are really enjoying their Florida trip and expect to say hello to their friends around the 21.

69 YEARS AGO**December 19, 1929**

Charles W. Montrose of Detroit, director of Montrose Motion Picture Production is in Grayling and at present is engaged in the photography of locations which will be followed by the production of 24 two-reel motion pictures, which depict northern life.

Fred Welsh and Emil Giegling were in Bay City on business Wednesday. They report icy roads south of West Branch and blizzard weather.

Chris Hoesli and Carl Handson are each driving international trucks.

Miss Margaret Cassidy of Grand Rapids is visiting her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy. Miss Cassidy will remain until after Christmas.

Dr. G.E. Bearsch of Milwaukee has arrived in Grayling to begin his service with the Consolidated District Health Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell are enjoying a visit from the latter's sister, Mrs. Libby Stillwell of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chappell of Oxford visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chappell from Wednesday until Friday.

Mrs. P.L. Brown entertained several ladies at "500" at her home Thursday evening.

The ladies of the Bridge Club were guests at a delightful bridge luncheon Saturday afternoon, the hostess being Mrs. Robert Regan.

Emil Kraus was in Detroit on business last week.

Alfred Hanson has been in Detroit on business for several days.

Mrs. Ernest Jorgenson of Pontiac arrived Tuesday to visit at the home of Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson over the Xmas holidays.

Miss Marie Schmidt who is attending the U of M at Ann Arbor arrived Tuesday to spend Xmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Schmidt.

Miss Helen Johnson of Detroit who is visiting her sister in Gaylord for a month spent Tuesday in Grayling visiting her aunt and uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Johnson.

Margrethe and Ella Hanson who are attending the U of M at Ann Arbor are expected home the last of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

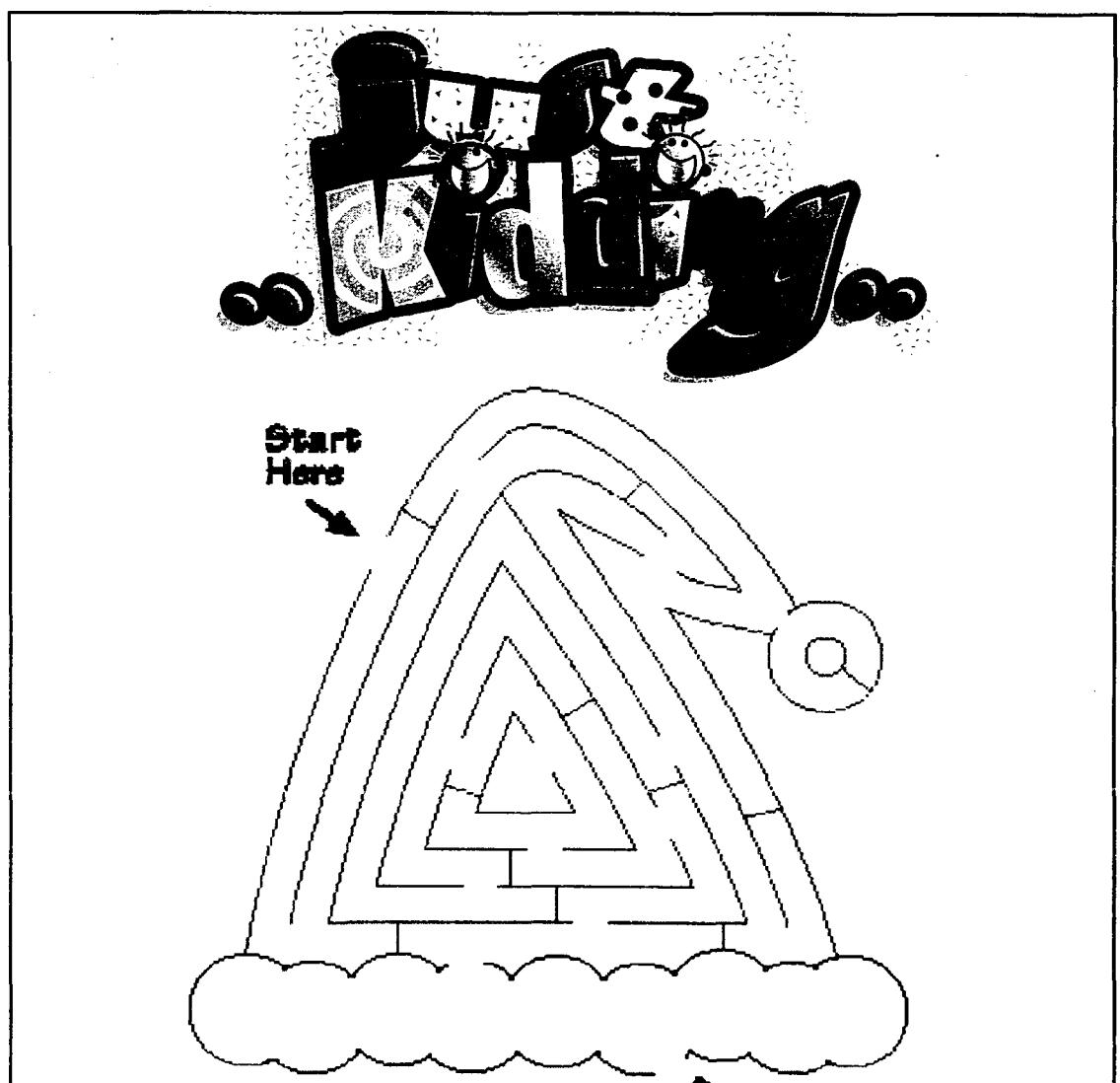
92 YEARS AGO**December 20, 1906**

It is stated that 15,000 deer were killed this season in the Upper Peninsula.

Mrs. Ernest Richardson of South Branch was called to Jackson last week by the sudden death of her sister.

The post office at Rose City was burglarized last week. The thieves secured about \$15 and some small mail matter. No clue.

H.C. Halbrook was thrown from a load of hay one day last week and one runner passed over both insteps.



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Billy-Bob Teeth. The perfect stocking stuffer. Hollywood quality rotten teeth. Call our toll free tooth line for immediate shipping.

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DO YOU NEED AVON? Call (517) 348-5718. (10/8/98tf/5)

FOR SALE Remington 760 GameMaster 3006 3-9 scope with sling and case. \$325. CVA Hawkin 50 Cal \$140. Call after 6. (517) 348-8851. (10/15/98tf/5)

FIREWOOD Two years seasoned, oak and maple \$35 a cord. Cut, split and delivered. Call (517) 348-9473 or after 8 p.m. call (517) 348-5946. (-10-17/5)

Chevrolet & Ford embroidered satin jackets. Over 40 logos to choose from. Call now for immediate shipping.

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For Sale

STOCKING STUFFERS Just in time for Christmas. Two for one golf books for sale. (517) 348-2642. (-25-3-10-17/5)

RED-OAK FOR SALE \$35 a cord. (517) 344-2300 (12/3/98tf/5)

REGISTERED ROTTWEILER PUPPIES declawed, tails docked, all shots. Parents can be seen on site. \$200. Call (517) 348-7234 or (517) 348-1097. (-3-10-17-23/5)

QUEEN SIZE ORTHOPEDIC mattress set Brass headboard and frame. Never used, still in plastic. Cost \$1,000. Sell \$300. Phone # (616) 922-8056. (LR1/7/99/5)

BEANIE BABIES FOR SALE Princess, Erin, Glory, Fortune Valentino, Curly, Wise and some of the ten new ones. Call (517) 348-6767. (-17/5)

'89 FORD AEROSTAR VAN Available for parts \$500 firm. (517) 348-5751. (-17/5)

FOR SALE New Flatbed color scanner for your computer \$99. (517) 348-7504. (-17/5)

FOR SALE Student desk with two drawers \$40. Chest freezer 10 cubic feet \$175. Call (517) 348-2933. (-17/5)

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